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My name is William Novello, a resident of Bellmore and a Long Island utility ratepayer. The updated Options Analysis released by the Long Island Power Authority last month makes it obvious that terminating the contract with PSEG and moving to a fully municipal authority must happen -- and that process must begin now.

Public power works. Across the country and on Long Island, publicly owned utilities have proven more affordable and reliable for residential customers. They are more responsive to customer needs, yielding better customer satisfaction. Their shorter outage times safeguard households' food and medicine and improve the productivity of small businesses. PSEG promised LIPA it would be in the top 25% of customer satisfaction, and as of right now, it is dead last nationwide. LIPA has estimated that it can save nearly \$1 billion over the next decade by opting for municipalization. As climate catastrophe looms, these savings can be invested in providing 100% clean, renewable energy on a grid that can handle what is to come.

We can no longer separate LIPA from everyday Long Islanders. Our energy future must be managed collaboratively and collectively through public power. Further delay is further time, money, and resources wasted on a utility model that is structurally unreliable, unaccountable, and more expensive. It's time for the LIPA Board to act.