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**STEVE ISRAEL**

Third District, New York

February 7, 2013

Mr. Michael Taunton  
Chief Financial Officer & Chief Operating Officer  
Long Island Power Authority  
333 Earle Ovington Boulevard  
Uniondale, NY 11553

Dear Mr. Taunton:

I am writing today out of concern for my constituents in the greater New York area as they prepare once again for a severe weather storm. After suffering through the devastation brought on by Hurricane Sandy and the ensuing Nor'easter, many residents were left without electricity, heat, and cell phone service for days and even months.

In anticipation of Winter Storm Nemo's landfall, I would like to know what the Long Island Power Authority is doing to ensure it is able to properly handle any issues that may arise due to the incoming storm. It would be helpful to know you have learned from the challenges and experiences following Hurricane Sandy.

It is imperative that we take the necessary precautions to ensure reliability of the electric grid; and in the case of power outages, that a proper response plan has been put in place that includes an appropriate number of personnel able to restore power quickly. What are your specific plans for how to improve the ability of customers and municipalities to report outages and downed power lines? Also, how do you plan to better inform customers when they can expect power to be restored and when a crew has been dispatched to their area? I believe ensuring transparency and communication is critical to any recovery effort and we must prevent the confusion my constituents faced following Sandy.

The last thing New Yorkers need is another night or week without power and heat, especially during a time with such low temperatures. I am seeking your assurance that the Long Island Power Authority is appropriately prepared to serve the needs of its customers through the coming winter storm and into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Israel".

STEVE ISRAEL  
Member of Congress

CC: Governor Andrew Cuomo