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Dear Mr. Miner:

Thank you for contacting the Mayor's Office with your concerns regarding rising and volatile fuel costs. These issues require both emergency preparedness and energy policy solutions to prevent them. While the Office of Emergency Management is responsible for proliferating the City's response strategy for blackouts that might result from an oil price spike or supply shock, my Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability is responsible for implementing the policy agenda of *PlaNYC*, so I have been asked to respond to your letter.

PlaNYC includes 16 of the 28 recommendations your *Sustainable Energy Independence for New York City* report offers for mitigating fuel volatility. Our energy strategy includes concerted efforts to improve energy planning, reduce energy consumption by improving the energy efficiency of buildings, expand the city's clean power supply, and modernize the city's electricity delivery infrastructure.

We believe an Energy Volatility Task Force would be duplicative with our existing planning boards. In 2004, we formed an Energy Policy Task Force, a diverse set of environmental groups, businesses, and utilities. In 2006, the Mayor established a Sustainability Advisory Board to guide *PlaNYC*. Last May, the City proposed legislation in Albany that would establish a New York City Energy Planning Board. And in October, the Mayor established an Energy Efficiency Steering Committee to allocate ten percent of the municipal energy bill to reduce City government's energy consumption.

Thanks again for advocating more reliable power for New York. Your leadership is vital to holding us and future administrations accountable to our sustainability goals.

Sincerely,



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