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*Via e-mail attachment to [bredmond@suntex.com](mailto:bredmond@suntex.com)*

Bryan Redmond  
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Dear Mr. Redmond:

I write with deep conviction, as one of countless voices who cherish Liberty State Park – not as a commodity, but as sacred ground. For nearly half a century, Liberty State Park has stood as a profound symbol of democracy, freedom, and shared public purpose. It is our common treasure – open, green, and free – stretching behind Lady Liberty herself, a refuge of peace and beauty against the backdrop of the Hudson River, Ellis Island, and New York City skyline.

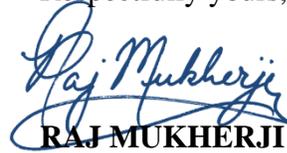
I sincerely hope we will not allow Liberty State Park to be diminished, and its purpose desecrated, for the sake of expanding the marina to accommodate superyachts. While aspects of the marina plan may be appropriate, I have heard from many constituents about their grave concerns that as presently proposed, the marina expansion into the North Field – pressing up to the river's edge – would not only be a visual and acoustic assault on this hallowed landscape, but it would betray the public trust. **The park's broad vistas are not empty space; they are sacred space.** They hold history, memory, and the promise of tranquility for all people, especially in a densely populated urban region where such expanses are rare and priceless. Superyachts, locked gates, and party noise would impose a commercial, exclusive presence that is in direct opposition to the spirit and symbolism of Liberty State Park, the people's park behind the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

The grounds of the 1889 historic Terminal and the solemn Empty Sky 9/11 Memorial deserve reverence, not to be overshadowed by the towering, carbon-intensive vanity of superyachts. We must protect the emotional and historic gravity of these sites and ensure we do not obstruct the irreplaceable views that have long drawn families, children, and everyday citizens to the water's edge for moments of reflection and joy.

The people and I, on their behalf, have spoken loudly and consistently over the years against privatization and commercialization. I implore you to honor this legacy by considering the return of the 10-acre lawn adjacent to your current marina lease without condition or demand. The restoration of that lawn for informal playfields and picnic groves would be a gift of immeasurable value to Jersey City's youth, families, and future generations, and it would ensconce Suntex's legacy as a partner of its host community.

In planning your future at Liberty State Park, I sincerely hope you will balance the interests of your shareholders with being a conscientious neighbor – interests that I firmly believe are complementary and not competing. I am available to meet or discuss further. Thank you for your consideration and for your anticipated respect for the legacy and future of Liberty State Park.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raj Mukherji". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Raj" and last name "Mukherji" clearly legible.

**RAJ MUKHERJI**  
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CC: Honorable Shawn M. LaTourette, NJDEP Commissioner