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**Joan Claybrook, President**

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Mayor Martin O'Malley  
City of Baltimore  
City Hall, Room 250  
100 N. Holliday St.  
Baltimore, MD 21202

James T. Smith, Jr.  
Baltimore County Executive  
400 Washington Ave.  
Old Courthouse Mezzanine  
Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Smith,

As Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, I am writing to respectfully request that both of you personally respond to our request for explanation of why Baltimore approved the \$67.3 million power contract with Reliant Energy Solutions East despite the fact that its affiliate, Reliant Energy Services, has been criminally indicted for its role in causing the California energy crisis of 2000-01.

Public Citizen is particularly concerned that since Reliant Energy Solutions East is completely dependent upon its indicted affiliate to fulfill the obligations of its contract with Baltimore. Not only does Reliant Energy Solutions East purchase all of its power needs from Reliant Energy Services, but it shares three top officers with its indicted affiliate.

Public Citizen understands that perhaps you were not made fully aware of the interdependent relationship between Reliant Energy Services (the criminally indicted affiliate) and Reliant Energy Solutions East. While we appreciated the explanation provided by your surrogates, Fred Homan and Edward J. Gallagher, Public Citizen respectfully requests a response from you. Also please refer to the attached letter that documents Public Citizen's complaints with this contract.

Sincerely,

Tyson Slocum, Research Director  
Public Citizen's Energy Program