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Assemblywoman Amy Paulin
Assembly District 88
Assembly Committee on Energy Chair
700 White Plains Rd.
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Scarsdale, NY 10583

Dear Assemblywoman Paulin:

We write to you regarding your recent letter to Governor Cuomo concerning support for nuclear power included in the proposed Clean Energy Standard (CES), announced by the Public Service Commission (PSC) earlier this month.

As representatives of the region of our state which includes the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station and R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, we know how vital nuclear power is not only to achieving our state's clean energy goals, but also to the economic vitality of Upstate New York. We wholeheartedly support the adoption of a CES that includes support for nuclear energy, and would like to take a moment to address some of the concerns you have raised regarding the PSC's proposal, as well as share with you the benefits of nuclear power in New York State:

Cost to consumers: Today, it's estimated that Upstate New York's three nuclear power plants reduce energy costs for consumers by \$1.7 billion per-year. According to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the PSC's nuclear proposal would cost consumers just \$2 extra per-month on their residential utility bills. In addition, NYSERDA also projects that the plan would help save \$5 billion, as ratepayers would not be saddled with costs related to gas-powered facilities that could potentially have to be built should nuclear generating facilities close.

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Safeguarding vitally important jobs: Upstate New York nuclear facilities are responsible for supporting 25,000 direct and indirect full-time jobs. In addition, the plants also contribute \$150 million in net sales tax revenues annually, which benefit our local schools and other institutions, as well as add \$3.16 billion to the state's gross domestic product. Simply put, these are employment opportunities and benefits that an economically starved part of our state cannot afford to lose.

Helping NY achieve its clean energy goals: It's estimated that New York's nuclear power plants were responsible for generating roughly a third of the state's energy last year—much of which went to energy-hungry New York City, and Westchester County—as well as more than half of our state's emissions-free power. In other states where nuclear plants have closed, namely Wisconsin, Vermont and California, they have been replaced with gas-powered generators and as a result, greenhouse gas emissions have increased. If New York moves forward with a CES that does not include support for nuclear, we run that same risk. If our nuclear plants close, New York will have to rely more heavily on fossil fuel plants that could emit roughly 15.5 million tons of extra carbon dioxide annually.

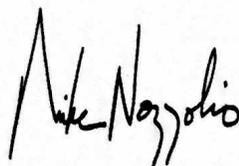
From strengthening our energy grid to protecting thousands of jobs, the benefits of nuclear to the region we represent, as well as our entire state, cannot be denied. We invite you to visit Upstate New York, to tour one of our nuclear plants and meet the hardworking men and women responsible for their operation who could stand to lose their jobs if support for nuclear energy is not included in the CES.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

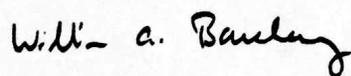
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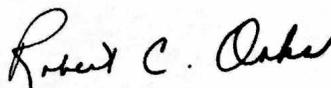
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