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July 29, 2016

Honorable Audrey Zibelman
Chairwoman
New York State Public Service Commission
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223

Dear Chairwoman Zibelman and Members of the Board:

We the 141 undersigned elected and community leaders write to express our strong support for the adoption of a Clean Energy Standard (CES) that includes proposals that would support nuclear energy in New York State.

We recognize that nuclear power not only strengthens our energy grid, it also has a tremendous, positive effect on our local—as well as our state's—economies. The positive impact of our Upstate New York nuclear plants was illustrated in a recent report by the Brattle Group, which showed:

- Three nuclear power plants—the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station and R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant—add \$3.16 billion to the state's gross domestic product;
- They account for nearly 25,000 direct and indirect full time jobs;
- They contribute \$150 million in net state tax revenues annually, which benefit our local schools and other institutions; and
- They reduce energy costs by \$1.7 billion per-year

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If the PSC does not adopt a CES that supports nuclear energy, the hardworking people of New York State could be faced with higher energy and capacity costs. In addition, we also could potentially increase CO2 and other criteria pollutants, as well as lock our state into a long-term dependence on fossil fuel for the next 20-30 years.

Whether we have a nuclear generating facility in our backyard, or hundreds of miles away, we know that the positive effects of nuclear power aren't just limited to the regions in which plants exist—they affect our entire state by strengthening our energy grid, creating and supporting thousands of jobs, and bolstering our economy statewide. We urge you to protect these benefits by adopting a CES that includes support for nuclear energy.

Sincerely,

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