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Dear Climate Action Council Climate Action Council,

I am a union carpenter writing to express my support for nuclear energy and its critical role in achieving New York's clean energy goals. The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act calls for 100% carbon free energy by 2040 - maintaining nuclear energy is essential to meeting these bold emissions-reduction goals at the lowest cost to consumers.

New York's upstate nuclear facilities operate 24/7/365 and currently produce 44% of New York's zero-emission electricity. Their operation avoids 16 million tons of carbon emissions annually. For community members like my union brothers and sisters in Carpenters Local 277 and Carpenters Local 276, the plants provide thousands of highly skilled jobs and are one of upstate New York's largest employers.

We cannot afford to lose this reliable source of clean generation and the associated economic benefits for the upstate economy. Timely action is required to ensure these assets remain operational beyond the expiration of the existing Zero Emissions Credit (ZEC) program in 2029.

Carpenters Local 277 and Carpenters Local 276 appreciates New York state for establishing ZEC program in 2017 and commends the Climate Action Council's work and the draft scoping plan's acknowledgement of the value our upstate nuclear assets provide for our clean energy future. We strongly urge the Council, and the state of New York remain steadfast in its commitment to this safe, reliable, and clean source of power generation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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