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Dear NYSERDA,

I am writing to express my support for nuclear energy's critical role in achieving New York's commendable clean energy goals. I am joined by fellow nuclear advocates across New York state representing local communities, school districts, environmental groups, labor groups and elected officials who recognize the numerous environmental and economic benefits provided by New York's upstate nuclear power stations.

To continue New York's nation-leading fight against climate change, we need every tool at our disposal to achieve our decarbonization targets embodied in the Climate Leadership Community Protection Act (CLCPA). Aligning the Climate Action Council's Scoping Plan with the state's policy objectives is a must if we are serious about achieving the CLCPA objectives. As such, I encourage the Climate Action Council to continue its recognition of the value New York's upstate nuclear assets provide for our clean energy future.

New York's upstate nuclear facilities currently produce 44% of the state's zero-emissions electricity and are instrumental to achieving the state's decarbonization goals. As documented in Energy and Environmental Economics' Draft Scoping Plan Integration Analysis1 prepared for the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), maintaining New York's existing nuclear power stations is the most economical way to help achieve the state's decarbonization goals.

Timely action is required to ensure these key assets remain operational beyond the expiration of the existing Zero Emissions Credit (ZEC) program in 2029. Therefore, I respectfully request the Climate Action Council and the state of New York remain steadfast in its commitment to this safe, reliable, and clean source of power generation by formally recommending an extension of the ZEC program to coincide with our clean energy goals.

Maintaining New York's existing nuclear power stations is the most economical way to reach the state's decarbonization goals and timely action is required to ensure these assets remain operational beyond the expiration of the existing Zero Emissions Credit (ZEC) program in 2029).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and your consideration of this important issue.

Regards,
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