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Secretary U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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Dear Secretary Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

I am a resident living in the shadow of the Indian Point nuclear power plant located in Buchanan, New York. I am concerned that the current relicensing regulations are not in the best interest of the public - and our health and safety.

As far back as 1979, Robert Ryan, your own Director of State Programs, stated in public hearings that Indian Point is one of the most inappropriate sites in existence for a nuclear power plant. Since that time, population density has increased immensely, and the roadways around the plant, which I drive on a daily basis, have not been adequately updated to reflect this population increase. Further, the need to store high level wastes in an open platform on-site because the spent fuel storage facilities are full jeopardizes the New York metropolitan area and consequently the national economy.

I support Westchester County Executive Andy Spano's 2.802 petition PRM-54-02, which would require the NRC to take into account crucial components of public health and safety such as population density, infrastructure, and emergency planning during the license renewal process.

If the NRC is really concerned with public safety more than the industry's bottom line, the agency will set new standards for relicensing. Any other action would show that the NRC is just a sham and rubber stamp for private industry. It is no longer acceptable to base your policies on the premise that a major accident is unlikely. A major release is possible and a major release in the New York metropolitan area is an unacceptable scenario. Have some guts and live up to your stated mission.

Sincerely,

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