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I write today to again express my support for the re-licensing of Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. As New England's economy continues to move from our traditional reliance on fossil fuels to cleaner energy sources, Seabrook has an on-going role to play by providing dependable energy at an affordable price without polluting New Hampshire's air.

Seabrook has been routinely recognized as one of the country's top plants. By providing around-the-clock clean energy to 1.4 million businesses and households, Seabrook plays an important role in maintaining New Hampshire's economic momentum while reducing carbon emissions by nearly 4 million tons a year.

The role that Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant plays as an employer also represents a crucial contribution to New Hampshire's economy. Between employing a workforce of about 500 workers directly and the nearly 2000 created by Seabrook's economic activity, the plant's payroll and impact offers a dependable and source of jobs and tax revenue. Those that are employed directly by Seabrook earn on average more than twice the average wage for workers in Rockingham and Stafford counties.

Further, the renewal of this license means that Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant will continue to act as an economic engine for the Seacoast for decades to come. At a time when we are struggling to keep young people in New Hampshire, Seabrook will continue to act as a source for jobs that can support a family, offer generous benefits, and provide a pension.

Finally, as the president of the New Hampshire AFL-CIO, my greatest concern is that New Hampshire's workers have safe workplaces in which to earn their livings. The management of Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant has earned the confidence of their employees and organizations - like the NH AFL-CIO - that represent them. For these reasons and many more, I fully support the re-licensing of Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant and urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Glenn Brackett
President, New Hampshire AFL-CIO