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Secretary Annette Vietti-Cook
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Docket ID NRC-2021-0036

Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook:

As the State Representative for Michigan's 66th House District, it is my privilege to represent more than one-third of the 600 nuclear professionals who work at the Palisades Power Plant in Covert Township, Michigan. As one who has been a leader on energy issues in Lansing, I can personally attest to the hard work, professionalism, and above-all commitment to safety of those who work at Palisades.

The closure of Palisades marks the ending of an era for our community. The plant has provided our region with safe, clean, and reliable electricity since the early 1970s. The people who have operated and protected the facility are our friends and neighbors. The plant's very presence has not only been a boon for our schools and local units of government, but for our region's economy, particularly during the tourism off-season.

When the Palisades reactor shuts down one last time in 2022, it will be an event of historic magnitude for the region. For many, the day will be more bitter than sweet. It is also the beginning of a critically important time as the site is decommissioned and restored for the benefit of future generations of Michiganders. If approved by the NRC, the decommissioning timeline proposed by the U.S. firm Holtec International targets to have this work completed in less than 20 years from the time of shutdown – some 40 years sooner than what is allowed by federal law and what Entergy would require.

For the benefits of a thorough environmental cleanup and timely release of the site for economic redevelopment, I respectfully ask the NRC to approve the license transfer submitted by Entergy and Holtec (NRC-2021-0036). In making this request, I expect the NRC will continue to play a watchful role throughout this decommissioning process to ensure the site cleanup meets or exceeds all federal restoration standards. Furthermore, that in doing this work, Holtec must be held accountable to ensure the wellbeing of its workers and our community remains paramount.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this matter further (517) 373-0839 or bethgriffin@house.mi.gov.

Respectfully,

Beth Griffin
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