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Dear Mr. Schaff:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my support and endorsement for the American Electric Power Cook Nuclear Plant license renewal.

Renewing this license is beneficial in many ways to our community. In addition to the amount of electricity the plant generates, it is a major employer in Berrien County. The Plant not only generates 2.1 million kilowatts of electricity, they also support our local school district as well as benefiting our local, state and national economies with \$90 million dollars in wages paid.

Further, this plant has operated with high safety and security standards in order to protect their employees, property, the environment and our country. Air pollution is minimized and they emit no greenhouse gases, thus helping to reach the EPA and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality standards.

More importantly, the employees of this company have made a strong commitment to their community. In addition to donations of money to charitable and community organizations, employees donate blood and provide many hours of service with the volunteer time they provide to community events, organizations and charities.

Without question, AEP' Cook Nuclear Plant is a valued member of our community. I can see no reason why they should be denied this license renewal. I hope that after you read all the support letters and examine their record that you too will find they are deserving of the continuation of their license.

Sincerely,

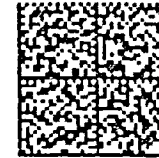
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