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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write in support of the WE Energies Point Beach license renewal. The Milwaukee School of Engineering is a focused technical university in downtown Milwaukee. We employ more than 300 individuals and have an enrollment of approximately 2500 students.

While there is great sentimental interest in alternate sources of energy, the truth is we are absolutely dependent upon nuclear energy. Nuclear energy is affordable and reliable and our modern society could not exist without this steady source.

The energy produced at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant is an essential part of Wisconsin's energy portfolio. We cannot hope to meet our current energy needs without the nuclear component. As we look to the future, additional energy will be needed and a portion of these new plants will need to be nuclear. We cannot hope to meet current energy demands, let alone future demands, without nuclear plants, specifically, the Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

The stability of energy availability has been absolutely essential to the growth of my institution and the growth of the business partners who support this institution. Any interruption of these energy sources will have dire consequences, particularly for existing businesses in the area and for Wisconsin's ability to build and attract new business.

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It is essential to the economic success of this region to have the Point Beach Nuclear Plant's license renewed.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this topic.

Sincerely,

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