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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a New York State Assemblyman representing the 124th Assembly district which includes parts of Oswego County, New York. The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for the renewal of the operating licenses of Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2—two nuclear generation facilities located in my district. The plants are owned and operated by Constellation Energy.

In my view, the re-licensing of these plants is critical to the central New York area for two reasons. First, the plants are vital suppliers of electricity to the region. They have a combined capacity of 1,775 mw. During the late 1990s, New York State's demand for electricity came dangerously close to outpacing supply. It is estimated that as the economy in New York continues to improve, demand for electricity in New York will again meet and even exceed supply. The loss of the electricity generated at the Nine Mile Point units would greatly exacerbate this problem and deny the central New York region a reliable source of electricity.

Second, the Nine Mile Point nuclear plants play a substantial role in the economy of Oswego County. Constellation Energy is the largest employer in Oswego County providing 1,300 good-paying jobs and a \$115 million payroll. As a result of this employment and the substantial payroll, spin-off jobs in food service, hotel, retail and other service industries have been created.

In addition, the plants provide tax revenue totaling nearly \$30 million annually for our localities. This revenue helps our municipal governments function and also provides much needed funding for our local school districts. The loss of the Nine Mile Point facilities would reap economic havoc on central New York and severally hamper our local governments' abilities to provide important services to the citizens of central New York.

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Accordingly, for these reasons, I strongly support the license renewal of Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2. If you would like to discuss this matter further or, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will. A. Barclay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

William A. Barclay
Member of Assembly

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