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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to offer greetings to the citizens who are attending this public meeting. I am hosting an Earth Week forum and environmental discussion in my district this evening and am therefore unable to be present in Clinton, but I wanted to share my thoughts on this issue.

The proposed nuclear reactor in Clinton poses several potential health and safety risks to the citizens of neighboring communities. Even with measures to reduce the amount of radiation allowed into the air, radiation escapes from the plants and pollutes the air in nearby towns.

According to the Radiation and Public Health Project, communities within 50 miles of a nuclear reactor experience an average yearly increase in breast cancer cases of between 14 and 40 percent. The average yearly rate for communities without reactors is one percent. Communities near reactors are also at a higher risk of birth defects in their children and a higher risk of thyroid problems, including hypothyroidism and thyroid cancer.

Furthermore, as a state, we should be moving towards sustainable energy sources, instead of continuing to rely on harmful energy such as nuclear power. Not only are renewable resources safer for our communities and the earth, they are becoming cheaper and easier to access. For example, it will take seven to 10 years to build a nuclear power plant; it would take two years to build a wind farm that could produce the same amount of energy. This energy would be produced cleanly and safely. I encourage Exelon and other power companies in Illinois to begin investing in sustainable energy sources such as wind and solar power.

Due to the environmental and health risks to the citizens in my district, I must oppose efforts to build an additional nuclear reactor in Clinton. Although I commend the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for holding this meeting, I encourage the NRC to hold additional public meetings so the concerns of the region's citizens may be heard before granting an Early Site Permit to Exelon.

Sincerely,

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