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Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

We are citizen activists associated with Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy and Environment Program (CMEP).

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We have been informed by CMEP that you are accepting public comments on a petition for rulemaking regarding license extensions.

We write in support of Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano's Petition for Rulemaking PRM-54-02.

Nuclear plants that would not be granted an initial license to operate today due to antiquated designs, failure to plan for waste disposal, or being located in densely populated regions are subjected to lower standards when they request a twenty-year extension on their license to operate than if they were new.

There's no reason to lower the bar and allow for grandfathered regulations from thirty years ago to govern licensing today.

We write because we are concerned that the current relicensing regulations are not in the best interest of the public.

In fact, Virginia and I have come to the conclusion they are detrimental to our public health and safety.

We ask you: Please help protect the public by ensuring that nuclear plants continue to meet the highest standards.

Note of Explanation: the highest standards are those that are based on the most current experience and knowledge.

Thank you for accepting our comments

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