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**Berwick Area Chamber of Commerce**

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Dear Mr. Canova:

I am writing you this letter on behalf of the Berwick Area Chamber of Commerce. Our organization supports construction of the proposed Bell Bend nuclear plant upon the following reasons:

- A Bell Bend nuclear unit would create a significant ripple effect throughout the entire local economy. This will have a positive effect on all facets such as the housing market, retail businesses and service providers such hotels and restaurants.
- A Bell Bend nuclear unit would also create thousands of construction jobs as well as hundreds of permanent jobs, which would benefit the economic health of the Berwick Area and the surrounding Region.
- An essential element in attracting new industry to our Region is a robust electricity infrastructure. In order to grow and prosper we need new sources of electric generation.
- PPL and its employees have consistently supported the area in many ways, making the area a better place for people to live and work. This enhances the viability of the Berwick Area as a location to those industries contemplating relocation or expansion of their operation.
- PPL has continuously been a strong supporter of the area's economic development, helping our organization by financial contributions and its employees serve as members of our board of directors.
- Nuclear units can provide the required electricity without adding greenhouse gas emissions.
- Nuclear energy has been a part of our community for the past 25 years. We support nuclear energy, and based upon our experience would welcome a new, advanced design plant here.



Thank you for your time and consideration.

Truly,

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