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Dear Mr. Canova:

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA) represents seven counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania. We provide a variety of economic development programs throughout our service area.

Economic development initiatives require a solid electricity infrastructure. We also need reliable and continuous supplies of electricity for commercial and residential growth. Nuclear energy has been part of the Northeastern Pennsylvania community for many years. It is a viable part of the electricity surplus network.

The NEPA Alliance Board of Directors Executive Committee supports the construction of the Bell Bend Nuclear Plant. We believe this project is an important component in supporting consistent and affordable electricity in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

We encourage and support efforts to ensure continued economic growth through electricity supply.

For the NEPA Alliance.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey K. Box  
President & CEO

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Penny Cannella, Penn's Northeast