

Fermi3CEm Resource

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To Whom It May Concern: I am writing in support of the Fermi 3 application. While I do not pretend to understand all the issues related to nuclear power I have lived and worked close to Fermi 2 since 1969. In the early 1970's I protested against Fermi 2 because of the Fermi 1 incident and at that time there were many questions and uncertainties about the safety of nuclear power and its impact on the environment.

Today I am a proponent of nuclear power for a number of reasons. First we have made quantum leaps in technology and engineering which provide greater knowledge and make the operations much safer. Secondly, over those years Fermi 2 has been a very good neighbor and strong supporter of our community. Third, nuclear energy does not contribute to global warming by producing carbon dioxide, sulfur oxides or burn anything to produce heat so there is no particulates or ash being emitted. Nuclear power does not create the waste in the volumes that fossil fuels produce and is better managed.

Finally, Fermi 2 has boosted economic growth in the surrounding community and supports high paying jobs which have helped keep a healthy local economy. Without a healthy local economy there is not funding to provide for the human services needs of children, adults at risk or our frail and vulnerable elders. Thanks to Fermi 2 Monroe has remained a caring community and the quality of life is very good.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to voice my support.

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