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Enclosed, please find my comments regarding the scope of Fermi 3. If I do not have the opportunity to place these comments on the record orally, please include them as part of the permanent record. My contact information is included with the comments.

Very Truly Yours,

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**ATTN: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch,
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Via email @ Fermi3.COLEIS@nrc.gov.

Pursuant to *10 CFR 51.28* the following is a comment on the pending application of the Detroit Edison Company for a combined license (COL) for the Fermi Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 3 (Fermi 3). Specifically, as the NRC conducts an environmental impact statement of the proposed power plant, it is respectfully requested that these comments be considered and added as part of the permanent record surrounding the application.

My background is unique in that I am a member of the faith, legal, and business communities. I am the Pastor of First Community Baptist Church in Detroit Michigan. I am also a licensed practicing Attorney and business consultant. In each of these capacities I have a unique opportunity to interact with the community at large in a variety of ways. As I have examined the impact of energy production and consumption, I am convinced that nuclear energy represents a clean, safe, alternative to the production of energy.

It is my fervent belief that we must be good stewards of the great gift that God has provided mankind called planet earth. Our atmosphere, biosphere, and ecologic systems should be very carefully and deliberately maintained. There is simply no better method for producing clean and safe energy than nuclear energy. Nuclear reduces harmful emissions which threaten our health and safety. As a community we cannot simply ignore the incredible demand for energy. Equally, we cannot afford to ignore emissions created from the production of energy which are harmful. Instead, we should embrace all techniques which contribute to the reduction of harmful emissions or reduce harmful emissions in their entirety.

Nuclear represents clean air. Clean air energy production is an example of excellent stewardship of God's green earth.

Aside from the positive air quality benefits of nuclear energy, practical benefits arise from the construction and operation of a nuclear power plant. Principally, the economic impact on the community is tremendous. As the global economy sags to its lowest point in the post Great Depression Era, we are challenged to create opportunities for growth and sustained employment for families. The building and construction of a power plant such as the one proposed by Detroit Edison includes the creation of an abundance of well paying jobs. Employment opportunities will also be generated as a result of the operation of the plant.

As one who has spent considerable time advocating and ministering to the needs of those victimized by unemployment, displacement and poverty in general, the prospect of jobs in energy is a beacon of hope. The costs for energy can eventually be contained through the use of nuclear and other alternative forms of energy production. As the cost of natural gas and crude oil steadily increases, all measures which help reduce costs for consumers should be given significant consideration.

As it relates to the educational benefits, several Michigan high schools have already developed curriculum specific high schools and community colleges which focus on careers in energy. Much of this curriculum is rooted in science, mathematics, and chemistry. These are all areas where increased interest would be a much needed boost to our workforce readiness.

Energy clearly represents a growth area in our national and global economy. The building, construction and operation of a nuclear power plant here in Michigan will put us amongst the industry leaders in the field of energy. Students currently in K-12 education today could be steered toward careers in energy tomorrow.

We must continuously cultivate the prospect of energy becoming the key industry to replace our changing automobile centered economy.

Based on all relevant data, it appears clear that the construction and operation of a new nuclear plant will have many beneficial effects on the community at large.

It is nothing less than our duty to insure that those who are often left out of the discussion of emerging opportunities be included in the discussion of the possibilities associated with nuclear energy.

I trust the NRC will give due consideration to the arguments presented herein in favor of the construction and operation of an additional nuclear power plant here in Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted:

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