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Division of Nuclear Licensing, Office of New Reactors
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Dear Mr. Canova:

It is my understanding that Pennsylvania Power & Light (PPL) has submitted a Combined License Application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission with regards to a new nuclear energy unit, Bell Bend, near the existing Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant in Salem Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

As a state representative from Luzerne County, I am extremely cognizant of the positive impacts this facility will have in area by greatly increasing the electricity infrastructure, which is essential in attracting economic development, and ensuring that the projected electricity demands are met. Furthermore, this facility will create an estimated 4,000 construction jobs and 400 permanent jobs to operate and maintain the plant, which is vital in the current economic climate. To that end, I am requesting your full support of their application.

Thank you for your consideration in this request. If you have any questions regarding my endorsement of this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Eachus
Majority Leader
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

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