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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of the Lower Hudson Valley for more than 30 years and I am completely opposed to the relicensing of the Indian Point nuclear plant. This week I learned about yet another leak of radioactive material from the plant. This is a deteriorating facility which has passed its expiration date, was poorly located to begin with, and is not necessary to our energy future. It's time to shut it down, mop up and move on to cleaner energy and more comprehensive conservation programs.

The Hudson River has been named an American Heritage River and is one of our most magnificent natural resources. For millennia it has been a source of food, but the functioning of Indian Point has killed billions of fish, their eggs and larvae, impacting even the endangered sturgeon population. The continuing leak of radioactive water has contributed strontium-90 and cesium-137 to the river, adding further to concerns about the health of all life in and near it. In this time when we are increasingly concerned about sustainable living, the Hudson should be cleaned up as quickly as possible so it might once again become a viable resource for the Hudson Valley rather than a soup of industrial chemicals and radioactive pollutants.

Closing Indian Point and removing the tons of radioactive waste products stored onsite would be an inspired step in that direction. It would also remove what has been acknowledged as a prime target for terrorist attack. This plant is located in one of the most densely populated areas in the nation and an attack here would be disastrous for the whole country.

Let's not waste any more time and money struggling to keep Indian Point alive. Those precious resources could be much better used to help heal our river and build an energy program for a sustainable future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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