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Dear Mr. Collins:

On behalf of Local 91 of the International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators & Allied Workers, I am writing in support of the relicensing application for the Indian Point Energy Center (IPEC). I am also requested an expedited timeline for the final review of Indian Point's application.

Indian Point produces 2,000 megawatts of clean, reliable, emission-free electricity. It is responsible for hundreds of good-paying union jobs, and nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars in economic impact for our region.

Additionally, Indian Point serves as an important steward for our environment. Not only is the energy produced at Indian Point emissions-free, but the replacement options are guaranteed to harm our environment. Specifically, the replacement power would generate 14 million tons of carbon dioxide each year.

It is a sad and unfortunate that should Indian Point's energy need to be replaced, the replacement power will be paid for in both dollars and in the health of our most vulnerable citizens - the very young, the very old, and those who already suffer from respiratory illnesses. The replacement power would be generated in this very region to the detriment of most of the people in this room.

And in this struggling economy, it is indefensible for certain environmental activists to place the fate of some fish eggs in the same light as jobs and economic growth. More than 1,000 jobs are directly tied to Indian Point, with hundreds of them being union. To try and shut down Indian Point over the fate of Hudson River fish eggs, most of which die on their own anyway - is absurd, incomprehensible and shameful.

I ask you to take a common-sense approach and weigh the true benefits of Indian Point in your deliberations. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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