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Dear Mr. Collins:

On behalf of the 1,200 member businesses comprising The Business Council of Westchester, I am writing in support of the relicensing of the Indian Point Energy Center (IPEC).

Indian Point provides more than 75 percent of the electricity consumed within the Lower Hudson Valley, and contributes over \$50 million paid in local taxes including sales taxes, payroll taxes, property taxes and state/local income taxes. Losing Indian Point's 2,000 megawatts of clean baseload power would potentially cause major power disruptions, the loss of up to 11,000 jobs, and \$2.1 billion in cumulative lost wages.

The closure of Indian Point could result in the doubling of electricity rates of the second-highest rates that New York homeowners and businesses currently pay. Many businesses in Westchester County are already having trouble managing their increasing costs, including the cost of reliable electricity. In these tough economic times, the prospect of closing Indian Point truly defies common sense.

The alternatives laid out to replace Indian Point do not make sense economically or environmentally for this region. For example, replacing Indian Point with any fossil fuel equivalent would greatly increase the carbon emissions of our region - and create a detrimental impact on the quality of life we enjoy in Westchester County.

Finally, Indian Point's parent company Entergy has proven itself as a model corporate citizen within our community. It has consistently donated millions of dollars to worthy programs and initiatives, while their hard-working employees routinely give back to their community through volunteer efforts and other selfless actions.

I strongly urge you to support the relicensing of Indian Point.

Sincerely yours,

Marsha Gordon

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