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Dear NRC Board Members:

I am writing this letter to express my support for the renewal application of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. Palo Verde creates the clean, reliable and cost effective energy that my constituents in Legislative District 4 can rely on. The continued future of this generating station is important to all of us.

Benefits of the energy produced by Palo Verde directly impact the citizens I represent. An unwavering and low cost for energy can ease the strain experienced due to the current economic climate. Beyond the cost of energy consumption, my constituents expect the power coming to their homes to stay on throughout summer heat waves and desert monsoons. Palo Verde has been a part of that dependable service provided by APS.

APS has shown a long-term commitment to the development of the Palo Verde's location and wide range of service areas. The generating station is a major employer with more than 2,500 jobs and is one of Arizona's largest taxpayers. Support of Palo Verde makes strong economic sense, especially as it is the nation's largest power provider.

APS has shown its ability to safely and efficiently operate the generating station. With Palo Verde, the utility company has kept power bills low while ensuring environmental benefits such as clean air. I ask that you take my letter of support into consideration when reviewing the renewal of Palo Verde. I have confidence in APS and the plant to continue delivering clean, reliable and cost effective energy to my constituents' homes for a very long time.

Sincerely,

Senator Jack Harper
Arizona Legislative District 4

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