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Dear NRC Board Members:

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station provides the power that keeps Arizona homes, businesses, our transportation system and our economy moving. When I learned of Palo Verde's renewal application, I wanted to take the opportunity to write in support of that application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Arizona would simply not run as efficiently without this important power plant.

Palo Verde provides the clean, inexpensive and reliable energy that ensures not only homes around Arizona are powered, but the street lights and signs of their neighborhoods as well. As the former U.S. Secretary of Transportation and Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, I know how crucial it is for our transportation systems to be efficient and dependable. Whether it is a school street sign or the Valley's newest light rail, power provided by Palo Verde ensures Arizona's transportation continues to operate smoothly.

Within recent years APS has renewed their efforts to make Palo Verde the safe and reliable plant it is today. One of the most important factors in powering any transportation system is reliability. Our transportation systems must be working at all times. I have confidence in APS to maintain that reliability with Palo Verde for decades to come and continue providing the low cost, efficient and reliable power that runs our systems.

It is both a strong economic and infrastructure decision to renew the license for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. Losing the power provided by Palo Verde would be devastating for the state's infrastructure and cost a great deal of money in building additional plants to supplant the need. If you would like to speak with me further on why I believe Palo Verde is right for Arizona, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary Peters
Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation, 2006-2009

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