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Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Indian Point Units 2 and 3 License Renewal Application
NRC Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR
ASLBP No. 07-858-03-LR-BD01

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing on behalf of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce and our members to express support for the license renewal of Units 2 and 3 at the Indian Point Energy Center, in Buchanan, New York. The continued operation of Indian Point is vital to economic development and the preservation of land values in the region.

Since Indian Point 2 and 3 went into operation, local property values and the associated revenues from property taxes have continued to increase in Westchester County. We were able to achieve economic growth because of Indian Point's contributions between 2006 and 2010, despite New York being hit by one of the worst economic recessions in history. A large portion of those revenues goes to local school districts, acting as a direct investment in our future.

Indian Point serves as both a large-scale employer and driver for economic development in the region. The numerous benefits of Indian Point's continued operation, including electric reliability, minimized power costs, and increased public safety, have contributed to the relocation of new businesses, industries, and people to the region. Westchester continues to experience steady population growth, with a nearly (#percent) over the last decade alone.

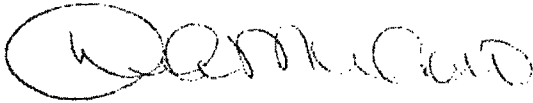
The loss of a key economic driver like Indian Point would be a harmful blow to Westchester. Plant closures have serious negative effects on the communities which surround them – job losses, population decreases, and degradation of the local tax base and economy.

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Given these factors, a shutdown of Indian Point would have significant, long-term negative effects for Westchester and the other surrounding communities, from schools to businesses, even public safety services. We encourage the ASLB to diligently consider the numerous benefits that Indian Point brings to downstate New York and substantial contributions it makes to the local economy and local land values resulting from its continued operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deb Milone", is written over a large, light-colored circular scribble.

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