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**Subject:** Public safety concerns regarding Indian Point Power Plant - please do not re-certify

Dear Members of the NRC,

I am grateful for the opportunity to share my concerns with you regarding the recertification of Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant.

I am the Co-Director of Stony Point Center, a 180 bed conference center owned by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and located about 3 miles from Indian Point in north Rockland County. We host well over 10,000 guests each year at our facility, and our governing board is gravely concerned about their safety in the event of a disaster - large or small - at Indian Point.

After four years living on our campus, I have multiple concerns:

1. We now know that there is a strong possibility that seismic activity could occur that would exceed the ratings that Indian Point is said to be prepared to withstand. The plant was built before there was full awareness of the two fault lines that could impact it. Given the disaster at Fukushima and the event at the plant in Virginia that was felt in Rockland County, the possibility of a disaster taking place seems to us to be more a question of when - not whether - it will happen. Further, this is a concern not just for the plant itself, but for the storage of the radioactive fuel rods on the property as well.

2. I know that the NRC is not supposed to take the effectiveness of an evacuation plan into account (though I find it hard to believe), but we have no confidence in any part of the proposed plan. If there is an incident, we expect that there will be total chaos as the surrounding counties and the entire New York metro area attempts to leave. In Rockland county alone, the possibility that our residents could safely evacuate is nil. Further, the first responders and our hospitals that we depend on for public safety are in new way prepared - nor could they be - for any kind of a significant event that would originate at Indian Point.

There are safe ways to provide energy for our communities and New York City, but Indian Point is not a part of any safe, sane energy plan. As I talk with friends and colleagues in the area, it is clear to me that this is an issue that cuts across partisan political boundaries. I hope that your Commission will move to decommission the plant so that the residents, businesses, and civic and governmental leaders can focus our effort on providing energy that is truly safe, clean and cost-effective.

I would welcome the opportunity to communicate further with NRC staff regarding my concerns.

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