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Good evening.

My name is Jeanne Micka. Thank you for this opportunity to address you this evening about the future of Fermi 2.

I have worn many hats in this community as a "civic booster. I am president of the Lotus Garden Club and have been involved in a variety of local organizations such as the Community Foundation of Monroe County, the Monroe County Historical Society, the Monroe City-County Fine Arts Council, the Sawyer Homestead, and the Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield.

I've been in the unique position to witness the level of community engagement, involvement and commitment demonstrated by DTE Energy.

Yes, they are Monroe County's leading employer and taxpayer ... thanks in no small measure by the Fermi 2 plant. But they are so much more.

The hundreds of men and women employed at Fermi enrich our community with the dollars they spend, but their contributions of time, energy are every bit as important to the fabric of our community. This past year alone they were involved in helping more than 95 volunteer projects and supported more than 120 civic organizations with financial or volunteer support.

The job of generating electricity, especially through the use of nuclear power, is often demonized. As president of the Monroe Lotus Club, I have personally witnessed what DTE Energy does to protect, preserve and enhance the environment.

The American Lotus is a prime example. Once in decline, it is now flourishing, especially in the water near Fermi 2 and the Monroe Power Plant. The American Lotus is like the canary in the cave. If you see a lot of them, it means your water quality is pretty good. If they disappear, you'd better look out. The fact that American lotuses are flourishing is a testament to the environmental stewardship ethic of the company and its people.

Now I recognize that none of this speaks directly to the matter of a 20-year extension for Fermi 2.

From the perspective of this "civic booster," I enthusiastically endorse a 20-year license extension.

Our community and our environment would be so much poorer without the jobs provided by Fermi, without the community leadership of the DTE Energy plant management, without the community involvement and philanthropic support of the men and women who work at Fermi 2. And their care for environmental stewardship has earned them numerous awards including the inaugural John D. Dingell Friend of the Refuge Award for

their work supporting 650 acres of Refuge on the Fermi 2 site, and the 2013 Detroit Free Press Green Leader Award as well. The site is a Clean Corporate Citizen with the MDEQ and a wildlife habitat Site. They also have for more than 20 years hosted an annual Walk/Run event to benefit project literacy at the Monroe County Intermediate School District.

Of course, we would all benefit from an additional 20 years of low-cost, reliable electricity.

Thank you, again, for this opportunity to speak in support for Fermi 2.