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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Chairman Stephen G. Burns U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Burns,

As you know, Entergy Corp., which currently owns and operates the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant in Scriba, New York, has entered into an agreement with Exelon Corp. to transfer ownership of the plant. This agreement is contingent upon the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's approval of Entergy and Exelon's joint application for a transfer of the plant's operating license and decommissioning trust fund. As you are also aware, this transfer of ownership is critical to keeping this plant, which was previously headed toward imminent closure, operational.

The FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant provides more than 600 well-paid, skilled jobs in Central New York, and supports thousands more, while offering a dependable source of emissions-free energy. The plant is a vital part of the region's economy, and an indispensable part of New York State's plan to dramatically increase the emissions-free portion of the state's energy mix.

With this in mind, I urge the Commission to consider these applications as soon as practicable, and to give them all proper consideration. Additionally, I would greatly appreciate an update from the Commission regarding the timeframe for consideration. Thank you for your timely attention to this matter.

Sincerely

John Katko

Member of Congress

cc: Commissioner Kristine L. Svinicki Commissioner Jeff Baran