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The Hon. Kristine Svinicki
Chair
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Madam Chair:

Re: Docket Number NRC 2019-0073

I am writing to respond to the NRC's request for potential locations to hold public meetings to discuss best practices for community engagement panels near decommissioning nuclear power plants. I urge the NRC to hold at least one of these meetings in my Congressional District, NY-17, the site of the three units of Indian Point Energy Center, in Buchanan, NY. Buchanan is located in the Town of Cortlandt, at the northern tip of Westchester County.

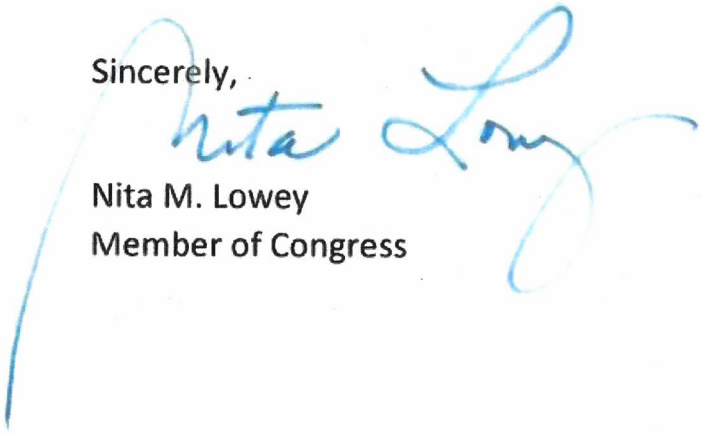
The Indian Point Energy Center in Buchanan, NY is soon to be decommissioned, and the plant owner, Entergy, today announced the sale of the three units to a subsidiary of Holtec International. Since the agreement to close the plant was announced in January, 2017, a local Task Force of elected officials and community leaders from education, business and labor has met regularly to discuss issues of health, safety and economic development for the area. Similarly, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo formed a State Task Force which meets with local community leaders in the Town of Cortlandt. Hundreds of residents of the area in and around the Town of Cortlandt have signed petitions in support of three bills I am sponsoring which address the safety and security of the plant during decommissioning and the future economic development of the area.

For all these reasons, it is critical that the NRC hold at least one and possibly several public meetings as close as possible to the Indian Point Energy Center to enable participation by hundreds of area residents with a direct stake in the future of the site.

Cortlandt Town Supervisor Linda Puglisi has suggested the Cortlandt Town Community Center on West Brook Drive, which can hold several hundred people. Westchester County Executive George Latimer has offered the Little Theater at the Westchester County Center, located in White Plains, NY, which is the county seat about 25 miles south of the Town of Cortlandt and a site used frequently for

public meetings. I support both sites and ask that you give all appropriate consideration to the request to hold at least one public meeting near the Indian Point Energy Center.

Sincerely,


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