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To Whom it May Concern,

We write to you regarding the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)'s intent to host public meetings seeking to address the best practices for the establishment and use of a local community advisory board at decommissioning nuclear power reactors. We strongly urge NRC to host one of its ten planned public meetings in Ocean County, New Jersey.

In issuing a best practices report on the use of local community advisory boards for decommissioning activities, the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA) requires NRC consultation of local stakeholders and host states in a series of ten Category 3 public meetings. Under NEIMA, priority must be given to states that have a nuclear power reactor currently undergoing the decommissioning process, while taking into consideration geographically diverse representation. These meetings aim to address communities that would be impacted by current or future decommissioning activities to provide an accurate assessment of community needs and highlight local concerns.

With 1,210 persons per square mile, New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the country and is home to four nuclear power plants including one plant, Oyster Creek Generating Station, currently undergoing the decommissioning process located in Ocean County, New Jersey. We find it necessary to consider the opinions of communities not only directly impacted by this decommissioning process, but also those across New Jersey that would be affected by future decommissioning activities. For these reasons, we find it necessary and appropriate for the NRC to allow residents of New Jersey and the surrounding region the opportunity to comment publicly.

Public involvement is a cornerstone of a strong and fair decommissioning process. We appreciate the NRC's efforts to engage the public in its decommissioning activities and hope our constituents will have the opportunity to comment and offer insight in a local and official forum.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Rep. Andy Kim's office at (202) 225-4765.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely,



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