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RE: Congressional Legislation/ Indian Point

Dear Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand; and Congressional Representatives Nan Hayworth, Nita Lowey, Eliot Engel, Maurice Hinchey:

We, the undersigned, thank Congressman Eliot Engel and Nita Lowey for introducing bill # H.R.1268 – Nuclear Power Licensing Reform Act of 2011 requiring that prior to license renewal subject to the same criteria for initial construction, including seismology, population density and evacuation capabilities; and increasing the evacuation zone to 50 miles. We ask you to support this legislation. Public health and safety cannot be grandfathered in.

Additionally we respectfully petition you to enact legislation requiring that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for any licensed nuclear power plant located where there is a permanent population, as determined by the 2010 decennial census, in excess of 15,000,000 within a 50-mile radius of a nuclear power plant to:

- 1) Prohibit the NRC from granting exemptions, exceptions or deviations of fire safety regulations and standards, safety related components, inspections and systems by more than 10% from design basis; and,
- 2) Require solar powered emergency back up battery system to insure no loss of cooling for spent fuel.

In 2005, Senator Hilary Clinton enacted similar legislation by attaching an amendment to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 651(b) - Backup Power for Certain Emergency Notification.

Clear Congressional oversight and legislation of the NRC is the sole responsibility of Congress, therefore we are requesting that you act quickly to introduce this suggested legislation to protect approximately 8% of our United States population - the New York metropolitan region.

Respectfully yours,

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