

TOWN OF ONTARIO

WAYNE COUNTY'S "COMMUNITY OF GOOD NEIGHBORS"



Draft Scoping Plan Comments
NYSERDA
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203-6399

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Town of Ontario, I wish to notify you of our support for the Climate Action Council's draft Scoping Plan. More specifically, and as documented in the plan, we believe maintaining New York's existing nuclear power stations is the most economical way to reach the state's decarbonization goals.

The town of Ontario is located in Wayne County on the southern shore of Lake Ontario, fifteen miles east of the City of Rochester. It is home to a population of 10,000 as well as the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant and a rapidly developing industrial park.¹ Constellation's Ginna plant and other New York nuclear power facilities help support our town's economy and provide a significant number of good paying jobs for our residents. Much of this positive influence can be attributed to the Clean Energy Standard (CES) and the Zero-Emissions Credit (ZEC) programs that have been adopted in New York.²

To eliminate the negative effects of climate change, we must continue to invest in zero emissions energy. Constellation is the country's largest provider of the clean energy, and its upstate New York nuclear power plants help our state achieve its emissions-reduction goals. Further, Constellation has consistently been held as a reputable company with strict safety and efficiency standards.

The Town of Ontario appreciates New York state for establishing the ZEC program and commends the Climate Action Council's work and the plan's acknowledgement of upstate nuclear's value proposition for our clean energy future. We respectfully request the Council formerly recommend extension of the ZEC program beyond its 2029 expiration in its final Scoping Plan due in January 2023.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dated: May 26, 2022

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Robusto", is written over a blue curved line.

Frank Robusto

Frank Robusto
Town Supervisor