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To whom it may concern;

I am writing on behalf of Mexico Academy and Central School District to show support for New York's upstate nuclear facilities and the Climate Action Council's draft Scoping Plan.

Mexico Academy and Central School District covers an area of approximately 100 square miles and includes the towns of Hastings, New Haven, Mexico, Palermo, Parish, Richland, Scriba and Volney. It serves approximately 2,000 students. As educators, we seek a better environment for our children and their families. New York's upstate nuclear facilities provide good paying careers for our students (and their families) and direct support for our local economy and schools.

Further, these nuclear facilities provide around-the-clock, zero-emissions electricity assisting our state combat the destructive forces of climate change. Constellation maintains a reputation of safety and operational excellence to power our homes, businesses, hospitals, and schools. As noted in the draft Scoping Plan, timely action is required to ensure these assets remain operational beyond the expiration of the existing Zero-Emissions Credit (ZEC) program in 2029.

The Mexico Academy and Central School District strongly encourage the inclusion of carbon-free nuclear energy in the final Scoping Plan and encourages the PSC to extend the existing ZEC program beyond 2029 to preserve these assets for achievement of our clean energy goals.

Your consideration of our comments is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Donna Runner, EdD
Superintendent
Mexico Academy & Central School District