



# Wayne Central School District

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Draft Scoping Plan Comments  
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To whom it may concern:

The Wayne Central School District extends its support for the Climate Action Council's draft Scoping Plan, in particular, acknowledging New York's upstate nuclear power stations' contribution to meeting the state's nation-leading climate goals. These facilities currently provide approximately 44% of the state's emission-free electricity and provide vital support to the surrounding communities.

Wayne Central School District serves a student population of approximately 2,100 pupils in four small neighborhood schools and it is our duty to always look out for the best interest of our students.<sup>1</sup> New York's upstate nuclear facilities provide well-paying employment opportunities, stimulate the local economy and help combat climate change by producing clean electricity.<sup>2</sup> The positive impact these facilities have on our environment and economy allow the Wayne Central School District to thrive.

The upstate nuclear facilities generate more than 25,000 jobs, contribute more than \$3 billion to New York's economy, and deliver \$144 million in annual state and local taxes. Included in the Council's draft Scoping Plan is an integration analysis, conducted by New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA), that shows additional consumer costs of \$9.8 billion if New York's upstate nuclear power plants are not relicensed for an additional 20 years of operation. As documented by NYSEDA's analysis, preserving New York's existing nuclear power stations is an economical path to help reach the state's decarbonization goals. Therefore, the Wayne Central School District strongly urges the Climate Action Council to recommend the Public Service Commission extend the existing Zero Emissions Credit beyond its expiration in 2029 to 2049.

Thank you for your consideration,

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<sup>1</sup> See [https://www.waynecsd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=377039&type=d](https://www.waynecsd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=377039&type=d)

<sup>2</sup> Schools benefit from the positive economic impact of New York's upstate nuclear facilities, which have been strengthened through the Clean Energy Standard (CES) and Zero Emission Credit (ZEC) program See Case 15-E-0302: *Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard*, Order Adopting a Clean Energy Standard (Aug. 1, 2016) (the "CES Order").