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Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor
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RE: Reconstitute Oyster Creek Nuclear Facility Safety Advisory Panel ***Transmitted via e-mail

Dear Governor Murphy:

As Representatives of the host community of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Facility, our Delegation is urgently requesting that the Oyster Creek Nuclear Facility Advisory Panel be reconstituted by Executive Order or by any other means available to your Administration.

In short, the lack of information provided by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has, not surprisingly, caused serious concern among local residents with respect to public safety and quality-of-life issues as it concerns the decommissioning process, which will now be handled by Holtec International. In representing the interests of our mutual constituents, we are working closely with Congressman Andy Kim, who has been actively engaged on several issues related to the decommissioning process, by virtue of the fact that the regulation of nuclear facilities falls almost entirely under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

As background, we have attached our December 9, 2010 correspondence to former Governor Chris Christie sent immediately upon his Administration's announcement that the Oyster Creek facility would be terminating operations in 2019 per Administrative Order 2011-06. The intent of our letter was to urge the Christie Administration to avoid or significantly mitigate, to the greatest extent possible, any associated negative economic, environmental, public safety, etc, impacts as the decommissioning process was in its early planning stage.

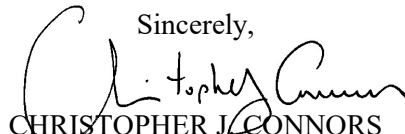
Furthermore, the letter references legislation that we already introduced, years prior to the announcement that Oyster Creek would terminate operations, requiring the establishment of a decommissioning coordinating council that would be charged with planning for this eventuality. Our Delegation then, as we do now, fully understood that Oyster Creek had a limited life span and for decades had cast a large shadow on the local area in terms of the economy, revenue and public safety preparation.


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When considering the complex and far-reaching public safety issues in play, which is only complicated by the lack of information from the NRC, reconstituting the Advisory Panel would be a prudent action to the extent that the state can have a more active role, to the greatest extent possible, in addressing residents' very serious concerns with respect to the Oyster Creek decommissioning process.

In closing, we hope to hear from your Administration soon as to this urgent request. Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this communication.

Sincerely,


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