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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

The Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Buchanan are the host municipalities for Entergy's (Indian Point) two operating nuclear reactors (II and III). The first nuclear plant (I) has been closed for over two decades.

I learned on Friday, January 6, 2017 only from a New York Times article entitled "Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant to Close": that these plants will close in 2020 and 2021. As the elected Town Supervisor where this major industry is located Cortlandt and Buchanan should not have heard about this major news from a newspaper article. We should have been notified as a courtesy prior to this public announcement.

Whether the nuclear plants are closed, open or another source of energy takes its place there are many issues that need to be addressed and resolved:

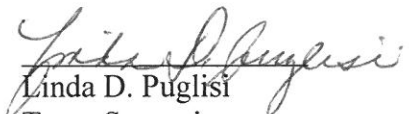
1. The economics of this plant:
 - Jobs – at least 1,200
 - Contractor's jobs add another 400 to 500 positions
 - Tax revenue to the Town, Village, Hendrick Hudson School District, a local Fire Department (that has these plants in their district), Westchester County and a local library
 - We recently passed PILOTS for long term tax stability
 - Area businesses that depend on the Indian Point workers to sustain their establishments will be impacted
 - The many grants from Entergy sponsoring local events need to be considered

2. The environmental issues related to closing two of the 103 nuclear plants in the United States.
 - Reclamation plans for the property
 - The wells on site
 - The Hudson River and estuaries nearby during and after the closure process

3. The Security of these plants if closed
 - Who will maintain the daily active monitoring of this facility
4. The reuse of this facility

In my capacity as the Supervisor of the Town of Cortlandt I would like to request that you form a Blue Ribbon Commission comprised of State officials, County and Local officials and key stakeholders to address all of my key points and others that may be raised.

A similar Commission was established when the General Motors Plant located in Tarrytown closed many years ago. The State (then Governor Mario Cuomo) worked with the County and the local government to plan for the closing and the loss of jobs and tax revenue. **Please contact my office at (914) 734-1002.**


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