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Senate of Pennsylvania

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Mr. Michael A. Canova
Project Manager
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Office of New Reactors
11545 Rockville Pike
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Dear Mr. Canova:

I am writing in support of PPL Corporation's proposal to expand the scope of its operations in Salem Township, Luzerne County.

As Pennsylvania continues its transition to a deregulated electric market, additional electric generating capacity is critical to keeping prices affordable for families in our region and throughout the Commonwealth. This project seeks to do this without increasing our dependence on foreign sources of energy and without an accompanying increase in greenhouse gases and pollutants that come with other electric generation technologies.

Ensuring the availability of abundant and affordable energy is vital to a healthy economy and to attracting and retaining new industry. This facility will address these needs directly and locally by creating thousands of new construction jobs in the near term and over time, hundreds of highly skilled, permanent jobs that will positively impact the local housing market, retail businesses, restaurants, and other establishments in Salem Township and the surrounding area.

PPL has been a responsible operator of its current facility and has earned the trust of the community during more than 25 years of successful and safe operations. The expansion of the Bell Bend facility is expected to continue to positively impact northeastern Pennsylvania, its communities, its residents, and the overall economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Baker".

Lisa Baker
Senator

pc: ✓ Robert J. Barkanic, P.E.
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