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Mr. Paul A. DeCotis
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Dear Mr. DeCotis:

As Business Manager for Boilermakers Local 5, my members have a clear interest in the development of a statewide energy policy. I would kindly ask that the thoughts and recommendations expressed in this letter be included as part of your deliberations.

In putting together a new, statewide energy plan, New Yorkers would be well served through the clear targeting of federal stimulus dollars to enhance and modernize our aging electricity infrastructure. Quite simply, federal stimulus dollars were not created with the intent of plugging in large budget gaps, but were created with the intent to put Americans back to work and rebuild our crumbling infrastructure. Our aging, inefficient electricity infrastructure could clearly be enhanced through the leveraging of these federal dollars, and would put New Yorkers to work while saving energy and preserving our environment.

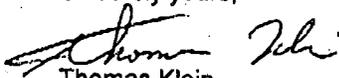
Our state would also be well served by a state energy plan that supports the creation of a comprehensive, fuel-neutral power plant siting law. Further absence of such a law will impede our state's future ability to meet its growing demand for reliable base load power and will also curtail future investment in our state.

Nuclear energy should be included as part of the state energy plan. Currently, New York draws nearly 30% of its power from six nuclear active reactors across the state, and does so in a clean, reliable and cost-effective manner. The state energy plan should include support for the Indian Point Energy Center, support for the continued operations of Nine Mile Point, FitzPatrick and Ginna, as well as for the future construction of a third reactor at Nine Mile Point.

Finally, working families also deserve an energy plan that does not raise costs for consumers. This is why we would support maintaining the competitive market model as utilized by the Public Service Commission, as well as halting the escalation of fees on utility bills. Property tax relief other sensible tax reductions for utilities and power producers would also go a long way towards easing the burdens felt by New York's middle class.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you.

Sincerely yours,


 Thomas Klein
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