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Dear NYSERDA President Harris,

Contrary to the subject, I actually strongly support the development of new nuclear energy in New York.

NYC has grown far less green in recent years due to Indian Point shutting down, which served 25% of NYC's electricity that has now become natural gas. Microsoft is now reopening Three Mile Island, and I hope Indian Point can be reopened similarly.

Nuclear has successfully allowed countries like France to have a 97% clean electric grid for decades; the US should strive for the same. Other renewables are great, too, and we should invest in all of them.

Nuclear is extremely safe. It is less radioactive than coal plants, and only a few casks can store the spent fuel from decades of clean energy. Plus, that spent fuel can be reprocessed and used many more times as well. Furthermore, nuclear is actually fully renewable, as it can be passively harvested from seawater, whose supply is continuously renewed by runoff. There is more than enough nuclear fuel to last billions of years until the sun turns into a red giant and eats the earth.

NYSERDA must not waste New Yorkers' time and money on an unproven and dangerous technology with serious economic, environmental, and health problems. Solar and wind power and battery storage are affordable now; they are low risk, quick to build, and proven. We must prioritize these technologies and meet the goals of the Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act. The draft nuclear blueprint is a costly and dangerous distraction we cannot afford.

Sincerely,
Khyber Sen

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