

NUCLEAR MATTERS

Sample Letter to Elected Official

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Dear Official:

Nuclear power plants produce electricity 24 hours a day, seven days a week; produce zero carbon emissions; and provide important diversity to our nation's fuel mix. Not to mention the role they play in keeping the grid reliable.

On top of environmental benefits, nuclear plants provide hundreds of thousands of jobs and contribute more than \$60 billion to our national GDP.

Compared to other non-emitting sources, nuclear energy facilities are relatively compact. The amount of electricity produced by a multi-reactor nuclear power plant would require about 45 square miles of photovoltaic solar panels or about 260 square miles of wind turbines.

But nuclear plants are facing unprecedented challenges related to competitive markets that don't adequately compensate them for their unique contributions to our energy mix. As states are working on plans to help preserve baseload nuclear plants, I encourage you to support nuclear energy by talking to your colleagues about the benefits of nuclear and supporting legislative proposals that protect existing plants.

We need our elected officials to support solutions that will keep safe and reliable nuclear power plants working for all of us.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.