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Ms. Rumina Velshi
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Dear Ms. Velshi,

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Davenport, I am writing about the upcoming licensing hearings for a license renewal application made by BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada, to take place in March 2020.

As you may be aware, the BWXT facility at 1025 Lansdowne is the only uranium processing plant of its kind in downtown Toronto, located in my riding of Davenport. While our community has many industrial facilities in proximity to residential neighbourhoods, the nature of the production of uranium fuel components at this facility has raised concerns over the years about the impact on public safety.

Our community has consistently made it clear that they expect transparency and communication from BWXT on the operations of this facility, and we expect our federal regulator to ensure, without a doubt, that public safety takes precedence in any licensing decision.

It is essential that local residents have the opportunity to participate fully in the licensing process at all stages. From correspondence received from BWXT, I understand the hearings will be held in Peterborough, and that residents in Toronto can participate via videoconference.

I am concerned, however, that the choice of a venue at Dufferin Street and Highway 401 for the videoconference will make it difficult for people who live in proximity to the Lansdowne facility to participate in the hearings.

I would like to request, on behalf of my community, that there be an opportunity to have in-person hearings in the actual community where this facility exists in order to ensure that my constituents can fully participate.

I would also like to know how the Commission is informing residents around the facility about how they can participate in the licensing review process.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Marit Stiles
Member of Provincial Parliament for Davenport

cc. Julie Dzerowicz, Member of Parliament for Davenport