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The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Governor
The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I write in response to the announcement that Indian Point Energy Center will be closing and ceasing operations in 2021. I respectfully request that you take steps to alleviate concerns and address questions being asked by many local officials and our constituents regarding effects to the community resulting from the closing of the plant.

I know you have received correspondence from stakeholders, including Town Supervisor Linda Puglisi, Superintendent of the Hendrick Hudson School District Joseph Hochreiter, and Director of the Hendrick Hudson Library Jill Davis, who are concerned about possible consequences impacts to their institutions and communities that may come as the funding from Entergy leaves their coffers.

I ask that you address the communities of Buchanan, Verplanck, and Cortlandt with a meeting, allowing elected officials, leaders in the community, and citizens alike to have their questions answered and know that their problems are being heard. There is a great deal of anxiety regarding future sources of funding for the school districts and library, and the future of businesses and families supported by employees of the energy center.

Additionally, I ask that you form a task force, not unlike the task force that was created to handle the closing of the General Motors plant in Sleepy Hollow, New York in the 1980s. I believe this task force would allow community members to feel heard and ensure that problems are being addressed as they occur.

Sincerely,

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef

CC: Linda Puglisi, Town Supervisor, Town of Cortlandt
Theresa Knickerbocker, Mayor, Village of Buchanan
Joseph Hochreiter, Superintendent of the Hendrick Hudson School District
Jill Davis, Director of the Hendrick Hudson Library