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Senator Phil Pavlov
201 Townsend Street, Suite 6200
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Senator Pavlov:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of the resolution opposing the construction of a nuclear waste repository in the Great Lakes basin as adopted by the Port Huron City Council on April 24, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Freed".

James R. Freed
City Manager
Chief Administrative Officer

JRF/cmj

City of Port Huron, Michigan
CITY COUNCIL

RES #17-048

Resolution opposing the construction of a nuclear waste repository in the Great Lakes basin.

WHEREAS, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proposing to construct a deep geologic repository (DGR) which is an underground long-term burial facility for all of Ontario's low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station, some of which is highly radioactive and will remain toxic for over 100,000 years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site is approximately one kilometre inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 400 metres below the lake level; and

WHEREAS, water is this nation's and Canada's most important natural resource and should be protected and managed prudently; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are an irreplaceable natural resource, containing 20% of the world's and 95% of the United States' fresh water, which is vital to human and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are also vital to the economic and agricultural well-being of both the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Lake Huron and the connecting waters, including Lake St. Clair, are a source of drinking water for millions of people downstream in the United States, Canada and First Nations; and

WHEREAS, concern has been expressed over the proposed OPG DGR by individuals, citizen and environmental groups, and municipalities and counties in both the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, under the 2012 Protocol Amending the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America on Great Lakes Water Quality, the governments of the United States and Canada acknowledge the importance of anticipating, preventing and responding to threats to the waters of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the governments of the United States and Canada share a responsibility and an obligation to protect the Great Lakes from contamination from various sources of pollution, including the potential leakage of radioactivity from an underground nuclear waste repository; and

WHEREAS, placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to the Great Lakes is ill-advised and the potential damage to the Great Lakes from any leak or breach of radioactivity far outweighs any suggested economic benefit that might be derived from burying radioactive nuclear waste at this site; and