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Secretary John Quigley  
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Dear Secretary Quigley,

I write to share my thoughts on the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Initiative, which you are working to adapt and implement for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. However it is structured, it will have definite economic ramifications on commercial, industrial, and especially residential consumers in Pennsylvania.

The Limerick Nuclear Generating Station (LGS) is near my legislative district. Many, many of my constituents rely upon LGS to provide them with clean, reliable, and efficient electricity at a reasonable cost. Notably, for the purpose of this letter, the generation of that electricity is carbon-free.

LGS is an economic driver in the Southeast Pennsylvania region with a \$75 million payroll and over 800 employees, in addition to many spin-off contracts involving the local building and construction trades.

The major choice facing the Environmental Protection Agency - and by extension Pennsylvania's Department - is whether to implement the "mass-based option" or a "rate-based" approach? The mass-based option would clearly reflect that we value the zero-carbon benefits of cleaner energy production, whether nuclear, hydro-electric power production, solar, or wind facilities.

I believe that the mass-based option should be the chosen option.

Further, in dealing with the issue of clean air credits, it seems unnecessary and unfair to limit those credits to only the newest, most-recently-placed-in-service generating plants (on-line after January 2014). Restricting credits to only the newest units would drastically limit the number of credits available, discriminate against older but still zero-carbon facilities, and cause the cost of the limited supply of credits to unfairly skyrocket. That could play havoc with the industry.

The mass-based option seems the fairest approach in creating the state's Implementation Plan.

Thank you.

Very truly,

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