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Nuclear New York's Position Statement on Indian Point

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NEW YORK, NY – On Friday, March 6, U.S. Energy Secretary Chris Wright and Hudson Valley U.S. Representative Mike Lawler (NY-17) held a press conference calling for the reopening of the shuttered Indian Point nuclear power plant to address rising electricity costs and provide reliable energy downstate.

The plant, which supplied roughly a quarter of the electricity used by New York City and Westchester County and nearly four-fifths of the region's emission-free electricity was shut down in 2021. As a result, fossil-fuel consumption increased significantly and reliability margins declined. The region also lost approximately \$30 million in annual local tax revenue and more than a thousand highly skilled jobs.

Nuclear New York was founded in 2019 to prevent the closure of Indian Point. Since then, however, our organization has become the state's premier advocate for the role of nuclear energy in providing reliable, emission-free electricity while supporting well-paid, meaningful jobs that help sustain vibrant, healthy, and prosperous communities across New York and beyond.

Nuclear New York fully supports Governor Kathy Hochul's initiative to develop five gigawatts of advanced nuclear power in the state. While advancing that goal remains our primary focus today, we also recognize and appreciate that the possibility of restoring nuclear generation at Indian Point has been raised by leaders at both the state and federal levels. As energy demand grows and New York works to meet its climate goals, we believe this idea deserves careful and open-minded consideration.

We also strongly support the Governor's position that nuclear projects should only move forward in communities that want them. Achieving that outcome requires giving people the opportunity to make informed decisions based on accurate information.

We encourage elected leaders to engage the public in a transparent and respectful conversation about Indian Point's future, one in which meaningful dialogue is not stifled by a few loud voices but instead allows the residents of Buchanan and the surrounding region to learn, discuss, and make informed decisions.

Nuclear New York stands ready to support that conversation by providing facts, educational resources, and opportunities for constructive dialogue so that communities can fully understand both the benefits and the responsibilities associated with hosting nuclear energy.