

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 29, 2021

The Honorable Matt Cartwright  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Commerce, Justice, Science and Related  
Agencies  
H-310 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Commerce, Justice, Science and Related  
Agencies  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cartwright and Ranking Member Aderholt,

We appreciate the committee's past support for communities impacted by the closure of nuclear power plants and respectfully request continued support in FY2022.

In FY2021, \$16.5 million was enacted in dedicated funding to the Economic Development Administration for assistance to communities that are host to decommissioning and closed nuclear power plants. This economic adjustment assistance included public works investments and economic diversification initiatives in the impacted communities. In FY2022, we request the committee provide no less than \$18 million in funding for communities across the country suffering from the closure of a nuclear plant.

The closure of nuclear power plants throughout the United States has had a significant impact on the economic wellbeing of host communities and their regions as a whole. Through sudden job losses and a reduction of tax revenues needed to support local services, closing a nuclear power plant can undermine much of a host township's budget and property taxes, and can completely alter the future of the region. It is estimated that a typical nuclear power plant contributes up to \$400 million annually to its regional economy.<sup>1</sup> Funding through the Economic Development Administration is critical to help support these communities as they work to replace the economic base of their region with new opportunities—all while many house thousands or millions of pounds of spent nuclear fuel.

Additional plant closures are certain in the coming years as our nuclear fleet continues to age, meaning that more and more communities will begin to struggle with the same economic problems plaguing communities that currently host decommissioning nuclear reactors. We should maintain and expand our nation's commitment to the communities that have helped to

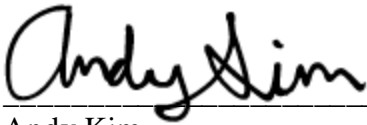
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<sup>1</sup> <https://decommissioningcollaborative.org/assistance-to-nuclear-power-host-communities-secured-in-fy-2020-federal-budget/>

provide power to households across the country for decades, and the requested funding through the Economic Development Administration would do just that.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Andy Kim  
Member of Congress



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Bradley S. Schneider  
Member of Congress

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