

Dear Representative (or Senator) _____,

My name is _____. As a citizen of Illinois, I feel compelled to write to you regarding the issues surrounding the nuclear power plant closures. I am asking you to please support the **Climate Union Jobs Act (CUJA)**.

The Climate Union Jobs Act is a comprehensive piece of energy legislation that will positively impact every citizen in Illinois! It will help preserve Illinois' nuclear fleet, expand our renewable energy portfolio, protect and transition communities who have fossil fuel plants that are being phased out, protect and ensure quality union jobs, uphold the transparency and accountability of utility companies, and provide rate relief for low-income consumers.

Although the majority of electricity consumers will likely pay additional fees on their monthly bill, overall it's worth it! Passing CUJA would help ensure that everyone in Illinois would have access to reliable carbon-free electricity when we need it. It also helps ensure that we maintain predictable electric bills and that we do not fall prey to extreme rate changes like the citizens in California and Texas have experienced.

Nuclear power provides thousands of high paying quality jobs in Illinois. If the Byron and Dresden Stations are allowed to close, over 3,600 people could lose their jobs. The economic impact to our state will be significant! The Byron and Dresden plants combined have a \$1.7 billion output and an \$844 million total value-added to northern Illinois' economy. I encourage you to read these economic impact studies in their entirety found here: <https://saveilnuclearpower.com/economic-impact-studies>

The damage won't be limited to our economy. If these plants close, Illinois risks moving backwards in our progress toward clean energy. 90% of Illinois' carbon-free electricity comes from its six nuclear power plants. Over 54% of ALL Illinois' electricity comes from nuclear. There is no way to meet the electricity demands Illinois requires without nuclear power and no way to meet Illinois' clean energy goals.

Now is not the time to hesitate and allow these plants to close - not when there is a comprehensive piece of legislation that will do so much more than just save our nuclear fleet to support! My hope is that this letter floods your office and those of your colleagues to demonstrate to you all, that the citizens of Illinois support nuclear power and we value the clean and reliable electricity it generates! **We support the Climate Union Jobs Act and respectfully ask that you do the same.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Respectfully,

Your Name