

**DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER  
FOR SENATE/ASSEMBLY RELATIONS**

**CHAIR**  
SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

**CHAIR**  
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL RESOURCES

**THE SENATE  
STATE OF NEW YORK**



**SENATOR PATTY RITCHIE  
48TH DISTRICT  
OSWEGO, JEFFERSON, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTIES**

**COMMITTEES**  
ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE  
CIVIL SERVICE & PENSIONS  
CRIME VICTIMS, CRIME & CORRECTION  
CULTURAL AFFAIRS, TOURISM, PARKS &  
RECREATION  
ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
FINANCE  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
TRANSPORTATION

December 12, 2016

Honorable Audrey Zibelman  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Empire State Plaza  
Agency Building 3  
Albany, NY 12223

Dear Chairwoman Zibelman:

We, the 222 undersigned elected officials and community leaders, write to express our continued strong support of the Clean Energy Standard, which recognizes that Upstate nuclear power facilities play a vital role in building a robust economy, ensuring a healthy environment, and sustaining a reliable energy grid.

Keeping these facilities open has a tremendous, positive effect on both the local and State economy. This is clearly demonstrated in a recent report by the Brattle Group, which showed:

- The James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, and the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant together contribute \$3.16 billion to New York State's gross domestic product;
- They account for nearly 25,000 direct and indirect full-time jobs;
- They contribute \$150 million in net state tax revenues annually, which benefit our local schools, municipalities, and other institutions; and
- They reduce energy costs by \$1.7 billion annually.

**REPLY TO:**  **ALBANY OFFICE:** ROOM 412 LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING, ALBANY, NEW YORK 12247 (518) 455-3438  
 **JEFFERSON COUNTY OFFICE:** 317 WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 418, WATERTOWN, NEW YORK 13601 (315) 782-3418  
 **OSWEGO COUNTY OFFICE:** 46 EAST BRIDGE STREET, FIRST FLOOR, OSWEGO, NEW YORK 13126 (315) 342-2057  
 **ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY OFFICE:** 330 FORD STREET, OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK 13669 (315) 393-3024

**E-MAIL:** RITCHIE@NYSENATE.GOV

**WEBSITE:** RITCHIE.NYSENATE.GOV



Importantly, nuclear power plants produce nearly a third of the energy consumed in the State and are critical to maintaining diversity in our energy resources. Nuclear power plants generate electricity without producing carbon and other harmful emissions typical of many other forms of energy generation, with current utilization offsetting up to 16 million tons of carbon emissions annually.

For all of these reasons, keeping our nuclear plants open under the Clean Energy Standard will have a net positive impact that extends beyond the regions in which they are located. We are grateful for your ongoing support of nuclear energy, and for its inclusion in the Clean Energy Standard.

Sincerely,

**Patty Ritchie, State Senator**

**Rich Funke, State Senator**

**Will Barclay, Member of Assembly**

**Bob Oaks, Member of Assembly**

**Ken Blankenbush, Member of Assembly**

**Jennie Adsit, Jefferson County Board of Legislators**

**Terry Allen, Village of Pulaski Trustee**

**Wayne Ashley, City of Ogdensburg Mayor**

**Scott Aubertine, Town of Lyme Supervisor**

**Bruce Babcock, Town of Macedon Council Member**

**Mike Backus, Oswego County Clerk**

**Larry Barber, Town of Mexico Council Member**

**Billy Barlow, City of Oswego Mayor**

**David Bartlett, Belleville Henderson Central School District Board of Education Member**

**Joel R. Bartlett, Town of Watertown Supervisor**

**Fred Beardsley, Oswego County Treasurer**

**Chad Bigelow, Mexico Academy & Central School District Board of Education Member**

**Andrew Bittel, Village of Phoenix Trustee**

**Wendell Blanchard, Village of Hannibal Trustee**

**Carla Boerman, Wayne Central School District Board of Education Member**

**Shane Broadwell, Oswego County Legislature Majority Leader**

**Sean Bruno, Mexico Academy & Central School District Superintendent**

**Philip Buddie, Central Square Central School District Board of Education Member**

**Ken Burdick, Town of Scriba Supervisor**

**John Burke, St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators Chairman**

**Scott Burto, Village of West Carthage Mayor**

**Tony Bush, Town of Hastings Supervisor**

**Joseph Butler, City of Watertown Mayor**

**Christopher Byrne, Phoenix Central School District Superintendent**

**Dr. Mathis A. Calvin III, Wayne Central School District Superintendent**

**Nick Canale Jr., County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency Board Member**

**Sandra Carpenter, Town of Philadelphia Council Member**

**David Carvey, Fulton City School District Board of Education Member**

**Frank Castiglia, Oswego County Legislator**

**Peg Churchill, Wayne County Office of Economic Development and IDA Executive Director**

Janice Clark, Mexico Academy & Central School District Board of Education Member  
Chris Coffin, Town of Morristown Supervisor  
Thomas Colabufo, Central Square Central School District Interim Superintendent  
Richard Colesante, Town of Constantia Council Member  
Tony Cooper, Town of Madrid Supervisor  
David Cordone, Fulton City School District Board of Education President  
Robert Corradino, City of Oswego Seventh Ward Councilor  
Laurie Crane, Town of Huron Supervisor & Wayne County Legislator  
John Culkin, Jr., Town of Henderson Supervisor  
Thomas DeCastro, Oswego City School District Board of Education Vice President  
Timothy DeSacia, Town of Oswego Board Member  
Michael Docteur, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
Anthony Doldo, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
Connie Douglas, Mexico Academy & Central School District Board of Education Member  
James Dowlearn, Sandy Creek Central School District Board of Education Member  
Tracy Doyle, Town of Granby Council Member  
Shawn Doyle, Oswego County Legislator  
Allen Drake, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
Thomas Drumm, Oswego County Legislator  
Jeremy Eaton, Wayne Central School District Board of Education Member  
Gary Eddy, Town of Rutland Supervisor  
Logan Eddy, Town of Rutland Council Member  
James Emery, Mexico Academy & Central School District Board of Education President  
James Eves, Village of Dexter Mayor  
John Familo, Town of Minetto Council Member  
Daniel Farfaglia, Oswego County Legislator  
Kyle Faulkner, Sandy Creek Central School District Superintendent  
Bruce Ferguson, Town of Champion Supervisor  
Robert Ferris, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
David Fisher, Town of Madrid Council Member  
Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
David Forsythe, St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators  
William Fulkerson, Town of Ellisburg Supervisor  
Kevin Gardner, Oswego County Legislature Chairman  
Donna Gilson, Town of Richland Board Member  
Allen Goodsell, Town of Richland Board Member  
Laurie Goodwin, Belleville Henderson Central School District Board of Education Member  
Merrilee Gorton, Mexico Academy & Central School District Board of Education Member  
Jeffrey Graham, Town of Orwell Board Member  
Scott Gray, Jefferson County Board of Legislators Chairman  
Ronald Greenleaf, Town of Hannibal Supervisor  
Terry Grimshaw, Village of Mexico Mayor  
Steven J. Groat, Town of Galen Supervisor & Wayne County Legislator  
Brian Haessig, Oswego City School District Board of Education Member  
Wayne Halstead, Phoenix Central School District Board of Education Member  
John Hamblin, Town of Williamstown Supervisor

Janet Hanni, Sandy Creek Central School District Board of Education Member  
Gregory Hartranft, Town of Volney Council Member  
Brian Hartwell, Pulaski Academy & Central School District Superintendent  
Karl Hax, Village of Pulaski Mayor  
Robert Hayes, Oswego County Legislator  
Sue Haynes, Town of Richland Board Member  
Mark Haynes, Sandy Creek Central School District Board of Education Member  
Jan Hefti, Pulaski Academy & Central School District Board of Education Member  
Greg Herrmann, Town of Oswego Board Member  
James Hoffman, Former Chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors  
David Holst, Oswego County Legislator  
Pearl Horn, Central Square Central School District Clerk  
G. Richard Horning, Town of Parish Board Member  
John Horning, Town of Parish Board Member  
Cheryl Horton, Town of Philadelphia Supervisor  
James Hotchkiss, Village of Mexico Trustee  
Randy House, Village of Central Square Trustee  
Lewis Sanford Hoyt, Town of Schroepel Board Member  
Randy Hoyt, Central Square Central School District Board of Education Member  
Dale Hunneyman, Town of Alexandria Supervisor  
Patrick Jareo, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
Stephen Jennings, City of Watertown Council Member  
William Johnson, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
Jim Karasek, Oswego County Legislator  
Margaret Kastler, Oswego County Legislator  
Richard Kaulfuss, Town of Oswego Supervisor  
Gordon Kellog, Village of Hannibal Trustee  
David Kellogg, Town of Adams Supervisor  
Bradford Kennedy, Town of Scriba Board Member  
Fred Kent, Village of Hannibal Mayor  
Thomas Kenyon, City of Fulton Common Council President  
Daniel Krupke, Town of Richland Supervisor  
Donald Kunzwiler, County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency Board Member  
Kelly Lagoe, Town of Scriba Board Member  
Richard Lane, Town of Brownville Supervisor  
Joel LaPierre, St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators  
Daniel LeClair, Oswego County Legislator  
Steven Leroy, Town of Sodus Supervisor & Wayne County Board of Supervisors Chairman  
Joseph Lightfoot, St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators  
Linda Lockwood, Oswego County Legislature Vice-Chairwoman  
Shawn Macaulay, Town of Morristown Deputy Supervisor  
Lawrence Macner, City of Fulton Sixth Ward Councilor  
Brian Macvean, Sandy Creek Central School District Board of Education President  
Margaret Mahaney, Town of Oswego Board Member  
Peggy Manchester, Village of Lacona Mayor  
Brian Manktelow, Town of Lyons Supervisor & Wayne County Legislator

Steve Marcincowski, Town of Theresa Supervisor  
Todd Masuicca, Pulaski Academy & Central School District Board of Education Board Member  
Jeremiah Maxon, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
Darcy McCarty, Pulaski Academy & Central School District Board of Education Board Member  
Joseph McGrath, Pulaski Academy & Central School District Board of Education Board Member  
Michael McLaughlin, Oswego City School District Board of Education Member  
Mark McNabb, Town of Amboy Board Member  
Philip McTigue, Wayne Central School District Board of Education Vice President  
Ron Miller, Wayne Central School District Board of Education Member  
Kenneth Miller, Town of Palmyra Supervisor & Wayne County Legislator  
Tammy Miller, Sandy Creek Central School District Board of Education Vice President  
Lawrence G. Mitchell, Ogdensburg City School District Board of Education  
Michael Montigelli, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
Rick Moore, Belleville Henderson Central School District Superintendent  
Thomas Moran, Town of Constantia Council Member  
Ken Mosley, Town of Constantia Supervisor  
Jake Mulcahey, Oswego County Legislator  
Jacqueline Murphy, Village of Parish Trustee  
Millard Murphy, Village of Central Square Trustee  
James Myers, City of Fulton Fourth Ward Councilor  
Jim Nabywaniec, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
Judith Nichols, Town of Worth Supervisor  
Chance Nickerson, Central Square Central School District Board of Education Member  
Torre Parker-Lane, Town of Henderson Board Member  
Donald Patrick Jr., City of Fulton Third Ward Councilor  
Daniel Pawlewicz, Fulton City School District Board of Education Vice President  
John Peck, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
David Pendergast, Village of Phoenix Trustee  
Pamela Pendleton, Wayne Central School District Board of Education Member  
Kathryn Perkins, Village of Parish Mayor  
Milfred Potter, Oswego County Legislator  
William Potter, Town of Orwell Supervisor  
Matt Prinsen, Wayne Central School District Board of Education Member  
Susan Punch, Town of Williamstown Council Member  
Patricia Redhead, Town of Palermo Supervisor  
Phil Reed, Jefferson County Board of Legislators  
Roy Reehil, Oswego County Legislator  
Tim Reynolds, Wayne Central School District Board of Education President  
Stephen Rich, Town of Watertown Deputy Supervisor  
David Ritchie, City of Fulton Second Ward Councilor  
Albert Roberts, Town of Brownville Council Member  
Robert Rodgers, Village of Pulaski Trustee  
Grant Rohmoser, Village of Sandy Creek Mayor  
Carolyn Rush, County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency Chair  
Eileen Santoro, Town of Scriba Board Member  
Marie Schadt, Oswego County Legislator

H. Leonard Schick, County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency Board Member  
Lynda Sereno, Oswego City School District Board of Education President  
Amy Shaw, Mexico Academy & Central School District Board of Education Member  
John Shaw, Town of Antwerp Supervisor  
James Sheldon, Town of Scriba Board Member  
Duane Shepard, Village of Hannibal Trustee  
Kenneth Sherman, Village of Central Square Mayor  
Francis M. Skvorak, Town of Wilna Council Member  
John Smith, Town of Ontario Supervisor & Wayne County Legislator  
Deanna Soule, Sandy Creek Central School District Board of Education Member  
Joel Southwell, Pulaski Academy and Central School District Board of Education President  
Ann Stacy, Town of Boylston Supervisor  
Tim Stahl, Oswego County Legislator  
Steve Stelmashuck, Town of Parish Supervisor  
Heather Stevens, Village of Central Square Trustee  
John Stine, Town of Alexandria Council Member  
Gary Stinson, Town of Rodman Supervisor  
Bruce Stone, Town of Amboy Board Member  
Vern Sundet, Town of West Monroe Supervisor  
Brent Sweet, Town of Alexandria Council Member  
Laureen Tackman, Village of Cleveland Trustee  
Ron Taylor, Town of LeRay Supervisor  
Richard Tesoriero, Town of Oswego Board Member  
Reuel Todd, Oswego County Sheriff  
Gary Toth, County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency Vice-Chair  
L. Michael Treadwell, County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency Chief Executive Officer  
Samuel Tripp, Oswego City School District Board of Education Member  
Peter Turner, Carthage Central School District Superintendent  
Darlene Upcraft, Mexico Academy & Central School District Board of Education Vice President  
Jon C. Verkey, Town of Arcadia Supervisor & Wayne County Legislator  
Mark Walczyk, City of Watertown Council Member  
Stephen Walpole, Oswego County Legislator  
Aaron Walter, Town of Albion Supervisor  
Carra Watson, Town of Parish Board Member  
James Weatherup, Oswego County Legislator  
Garry Wells, Town of Madrid Council Member  
Kerry Whitman, Wayne Central School District Board of Education Member  
Chad Whitney, Town of Constantia Council Member  
Terry Wilbur, Oswego County Legislator  
Daniel Wiley, Town of Cape Vincent Council Member  
Edward Williamson, Town of Granby Supervisor  
Ryan Wood, Village of Phoenix Mayor  
Bill Wood, Pulaski Academy and Central School District Board of Education Vice President  
Ronald L. Woodward Sr., City of Fulton Mayor  
Brenda Yerdon, Sandy Creek Central School District Board of Education Member  
Kern Yerdon, Town of Richland Deputy Supervisor

**Tanya Yerdon, Town of Redfield Supervisor**  
**Norman Youmans, Village of Cleveland Mayor**  
**Mary Zovistoski, Town of Clayton Council Member**

**cc: Patricia L. Acampora, Commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission**  
**Diane X. Burman, Commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission**  
**Gregg C. Sayre, Commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission**