

ZION-BENTON AREA

REPRESENTATIVES & BUSINESS INTERESTS

DATE: February 29, 2016

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Illinois Senator Melinda Bush
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Mr. Brad Schneider
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Zion, Illinois, located on Lake Michigan, was once a thriving lakeshore community. As you are aware, however, Zion's lakefront has become an interim nuclear waste storage site for Exelon. The purpose of this letter is to seek your assistance in securing Zion's portion of existing funds intentionally collected for 32 years for the purpose of mitigating negative social and economic impacts associated with closing a nuclear power plant.

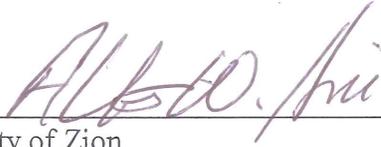
Zion has been in a downward economic spiral due to a drop in collective property values of 46% and a resultant tax rate increase of 143% since the plant closed. The escalating tax rate continues to prevent Zion from attracting new commercial interests, has contributed to many residents experiencing foreclosure or selling their homes at a loss, and led to a dramatic drop in property values. Additionally, the closed plant's deteriorating infrastructure and interim nuclear waste storage site create an inability to redevelop Zion's greatest asset, its lakefront, and prevents the mitigation of the negative effects of homeowners' increased tax burden. Zion is quickly becoming a blighted community.

The Federal Government foresaw the potential impact on local communities facing this scenario and adopted the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. The Act required customers pay a nuclear waste storage fee and established a formula for distributing these fees to those communities hosting an interim nuclear storage site. Under the 1982 formula, Zion would be entitled to impact assistance of \$15 million annually. Zion has never received any of these set-aside funds to date but has clearly suffered the impact the Federal Government anticipated.

We call upon you to aggressively pursue the original intent of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and propose legislation that would provide a means by which Zion could access existing set-aside funds for their intended use and to address the needs of our community. Please contact Zion Mayor Al Hill at 847/746-4012 for additional information and/or to discuss the action you will take to assist your constituency. Thank you for your consideration.

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Representing thousands of Zion-Benton area residents and actively seeking constituent support for this request are the following:



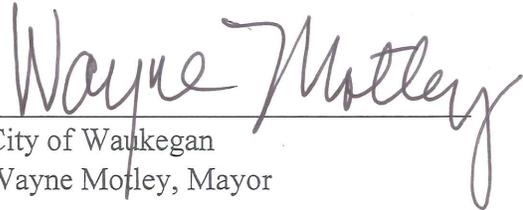
City of Zion
Mayor Al Hill



Lake County Board
Aaron Lawlor, President



Zion Township
Cheri Neal, Supervisor



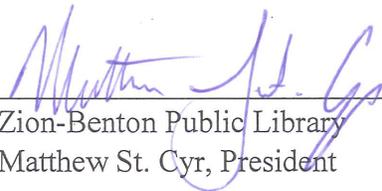
City of Waukegan
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Zion Park District
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Village of Beach Park
John Hucker, Mayor



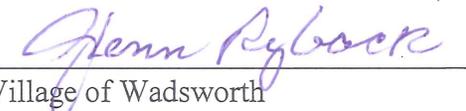
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Benton Township
Jan Suthard, Supervisor



Zion-Benton Twp. H.S. District 126
Loren Karner, Board President



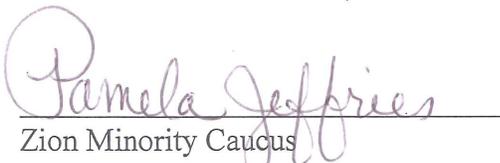
Village of Wadsworth
Glenn Rybeck, Mayor



Zion Elementary District 6
Craig Bennett, Board President



Newport Township
Randy Whitmore, Supervisor



Zion Minority Caucus
Pamela Jeffries, Economic Dev. Chair



Lake Shore Chamber of Commerce
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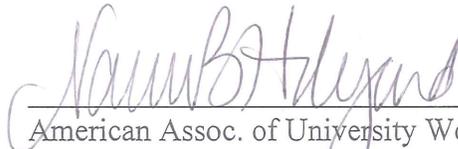
Cancer Treatment Centers of America -
Midwestern Regional Medical Center.
Scott Jones, President



Buy Local - Zion Benton
Chris Szymanski



Coalition for Healthy Communities
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American Assoc. of University Women
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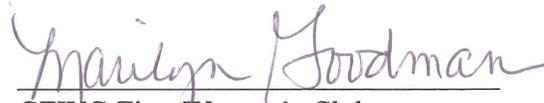
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Rick Lambert, Board President



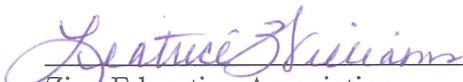
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Mike McDowell



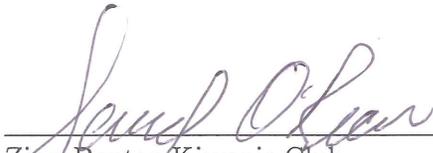
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