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I am a member of North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NAYGN). NAYGN is the largest volunteer-led organization for young professionals interested in nuclear science and technology. NAYGN comprises more than 11,000 members and over 110 local chapters. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the EPA’s proposed Clean Power Plan as it relates to nuclear energy.

Nuclear energy is an integral part of a national energy plan and must continue to generate an essential share of the nation’s clean, non-emitting, zero-carbon baseload electricity. According to the Energy Information Administration, nuclear energy generates [xx] of the carbon-free electricity produced in my state.

Nuclear energy facilities also provide substantial economic benefits to the state and local community, including high-paying jobs and tax revenue that helps keep town services funded. Nuclear energy facilities are a vital part of our state’s electricity portfolio and economy and has proven its value to my region. I am convinced that it must be an essential element of the EPA’s Clean Power Plan.

It is my hope that the EPA will work in the months ahead to ensure that nuclear energy’s attributes receive full credit in the final rule, especially in those states that have plants under construction. While it’s clear that EPA’s heart is in the right place via its recognition of nuclear energy’s compliance value, that by itself is not sufficient. Effective implementation of the rule necessitates that EPA’s intent translate into provisions that accomplish the goal.

I would like to thank the EPA for providing an opportunity for comments.

Sincerely,

[Your name]