

# African American Environmentalist Association

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April 19, 2018

The Honorable Phil Murphy  
Governor, State of New Jersey  
225 West State Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Dear Governor Murphy:

On behalf of the African American Environmentalist Association (AAEA) we want to thank you for putting clean air and the health of New Jersey's residents at the top of your agenda. You have the opportunity to make a strong statement of support for cleaner air and healthy communities by signing Senate and House bills (S2313 and A3724) passed Thursday, April 12, 2018 that will ensure the continued operation of the Salem and Hope Creek nuclear power plants. AAEA testified at hearings in December 2017 and February 2018 in support of the legislation specifically because of the damaging health effects of closing the plants.

By expeditiously signing the package of clean energy legislation into law you will allow the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and other stakeholders to begin the important implementation work that is required in order to deliver these benefits to consumers. We believe this legislation represents a significant step forward for New Jersey as a leader in clean energy.

Lawmakers in New York and Illinois have recognized the economic and environmental benefits of commercial nuclear energy and have passed similar legislation in those states. We hope you will look favorably on the legislation, which had significant bipartisan support in both chambers, and help New Jersey demonstrate its leadership in protecting, preserving and promoting clean energy of all kinds.

If you decide to sign the legislation and if schedules allow, and if so desired, we would be happy to support you at any public bill signing event that you may choose to arrange. Again, we encourage you to sign the legislation. It supports thousands of jobs, provides electricity for millions of homes, provides 90 percent of the state's zero-carbon electricity and preserves \$800 million in annual economic activity across New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Norris McDonald

Norris McDonald  
President

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