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Dear Rep. _____ :

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Exelon has tried to pitch its bill as "clean energy" legislation. Their nuclear plants are not "clean" by any measure of logic. Exelon reactors have produced thousands of tons of nuclear wastes that must be kept out of the environment for up to hundreds of thousands of years; and are allowed by regulations to emit radionuclides into the air and water. Finally, they are susceptible to catastrophic accidents as occurred at Fukushima. In fact, the two Quad Cities reactors Exelon threatens to close are the same design as those which melted down and exploded at Fukushima. This is **not** a "clean" energy source.

Before the Legislature should even consider any Exelon legislation, the following requirements need to be met: 1.) Exelon needs to open its books to prove its need; 2.) fix the RPS; 3.) wait until the Federal Regulators rule on whether Exelon is entitled to receive \$560 million in market payments; and 4.) seek alternative energy proposals and providers to Exelon's bailout plan.

The world is undergoing an energy transformation, whether utilities or legislators like it or not. The 21st century will be one that embraces wind, solar, energy efficiency and smart grids, not old-fashioned and uneconomic big-box nuclear and fossil fuel plants. We cannot afford to be left behind by the short-sighted greed and anachronistic business model of Exelon Corporation. **Please vote for the Illinois Clean Jobs Act -- REAL clean and renewable energy; and against Exelon's bailout legislation.**

Sincerely,

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