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Hon. Jeffrey Cohen, Acting Secretary  
New York State Public Service Commission  
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Albany, New York 12223

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I am pleased to provide this letter expressing my strong support for repowering the Cayuga Power Plant. The continued operation of the plant will provide critical benefits to the local and regional economy, improve New York's power grid and support the expansion of renewable energy alternatives.

The repowering of the plant will keep permanent, high-tech jobs in the community and create new permanent and related construction jobs. Creating jobs is vital to the economic stability and future economic development of the area. The project will also help to retain a significant local property tax base, supporting school districts, municipal services, and local businesses.

Additionally, repowering the plant is in line with the goal of maintaining and improving our power infrastructure to strengthen New York's "Energy Highway" in order to meet our energy demands, keeping low cost, clean energy available.

Repowering the Cayuga Plant is the right choice for promoting upstate economic development and for meeting the energy needs of New York State and I fully support the project.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. DeFrancisco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John A. DeFrancisco  
State Senator

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