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Dear Madam Secretary,

My name is Justin Henry, I am currently a student at Tompkins Cortland Community College In Dryden NY. I am writing to you in regards to the re-firing of the Cayuga power station and the impact it would have on the region both environmentally and economically. I admit that I am no subject matter expert on power generation nor job creation. What I do know is this. The use of coal for power generation is not only costly but burning it for fuel impacts the air quality in the region. Maybe not significantly or maybe it does. I was unable to find information on its impact in this area. The proposal to refit the power station to use natural gas is also a very costly venture and not good for our limited stores of natural gas worldwide. The more we get away from the use of fossil fuels the better for all of us.

What I am suggesting is looking into the use of solar and wind power for electrical power generation. Solar and wind power would create many jobs in the area as workers are needed to build and maintain the solar panels and wind turbines. This brings a boost to the local economy in consumers and taxes. Another benefit would be cheaper production of electricity. That leaves more money in the pockets of the consumer and allows them to spend it else ware.

Now, I know that solar and wind power is not enough to support the current electrical grid as it is, much less a growing electrical grid. Perhaps over time as technology improves in these fields we will be able to run entire cities on solar power alone but until that time we have to be responsible and take every measure to preserve our stocks of fossil fuels and environment. Any small step we take in this direction is a victory for all us.

I think it would be a step in the right direction if instead of re-firing power plants that are outdated, we look into alternative power sources to replace them. Perhaps one day fossil fuel power plants will be a thing of the past. It's up to us to make that happen but nothing changes if we are not willing to change our way of thinking.

Respectfully,

Justin Henry

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Very truly yours,
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