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Wa'tkwanonhwerá:ton/Greetings,

We are writing this letter of support for you and your community in regard to your fight to prevent the creation of a repository for nuclear waste on the Bruce Power site on the banks of Lake Huron.

As you may be aware, on February 9, 2011 the three Mohawk communities located on the St. Lawrence River issued a joint position against the then-proposed shipment of nuclear waste from the Bruce Power site using the Great lakes and St. Lawrence River Seaway. We felt that we had an obligation not only to our people but to those who share these great waters that provide drinking water for approximately 40 million people. We pledged to work together to ensure the safety of Canadian, American and Indigenous people in this matter.

It is with this in mind that the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke pledges its support for your efforts against the new proposal of a 'Deep Geologic Repository' to store some 200,000 cubic metres of nuclear waste 700 metres below the Bruce Power site. We share your grave concerns with this plan, as the proximity to Lake Huron is alarming and the potential for possible contamination to the lake remains, regardless of any measures that may be put in place to prevent leakage.

We fear that this plan will create an out of sight, out of mind mentality that could pay horrible dividends at some point in the future due to the great depths involved. We have stated that there has to be a better plan to dispose of nuclear waste; however, this plan brings us no assurance or comfort that it will ensure safe disposition or storage.

We share the Saugeen First Nation's concerns and stand united in brotherhood. Please feel free to contact us should the need arise.

In Peace and Friendship,

**ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS
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