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**Written Submission from
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In the matter of

À l'égard de

Cameco Corporation

Application to renew the Class IB nuclear fuel facility operating licence for the Port Hope Conversion Facility for a period of 20 years

Cameco Corporation

Demande visant à renouveler, pour une période de 20 ans, le permis d'exploitation d'une installation de combustible nucléaire de catégorie IB pour l'installation de conversion de Port Hope

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Re: Written intervention in support of Cameco Corporation's application to renew the Class IB Nuclear Fuel Facility Operating Licence for the Port Hope Conversion Facility (FFOL-3631.0/2027) for a period of 20 years — Commission Public Hearing, November 2026 (CMD 26-H3)

Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing as a resident of Port Hope to support Cameco Corporation's application to renew the operating licence for the Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) for a 20-year term. I am also a student in the Radiation Safety program at Loyalist College and a student member of the Canadian Radiation Protection Association (CRPA).

I am submitting this as a written intervention only.

PHCF has a long history of operating safely, and Cameco reports that it has earned the CNSC's Satisfactory rating across all 14 Safety and Control Areas. Radiation doses to both workers and the public have stayed well below regulatory limits, with the public dose a small fraction of the annual limit. As someone studying radiation safety, I value that the facility's radiation protection program is built on keeping exposures as low as reasonably achievable, and that safety is reinforced through ongoing training and an employee-led safety committee.

The facility is also prepared for emergencies. A trained emergency response team, with members skilled in firefighting, hazardous materials response and confined-space rescue, is on site whenever the facility is operating.

Cameco protects the environment just as carefully. It monitors air, water, soil and groundwater around the facility, operates a system to recover and treat groundwater, and holds ISO 14001 certification for environmental management. Its new closed-loop cooling systems no longer draw from or discharge to the harbour, removing a pathway to Lake Ontario. Its most recent Environmental Risk Assessment found no undue effects on people or the environment, and the facility has made real progress reducing its stored waste by reprocessing and recycling material wherever possible.

As a Port Hope resident, I also appreciate how Cameco gives back. Its emergency team trains with and supports local responders, and its site cleanup has opened up more of the waterfront. It also provides skilled local jobs, including for young people like me who hope to build a career in the nuclear field.

I support the requested 20-year term. A longer licence does not reduce oversight: Cameco will continue to report to the CNSC, CNSC staff will continue to inspect the facility, and safety and environmental studies will still be reviewed every five years. The Commission can also act at any time if concerns arise.

Because of PHCF's safety record and Cameco's commitment to Port Hope, I respectfully recommend that the Commission renew Cameco's licence for the Port Hope Conversion Facility for the requested 20-year term.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this hearing.

Sincerely,
Rachel Cameron