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**Mémoire de
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In the Matter of

À l'égard de

**Bruce Power Inc. – Bruce A and B
Nuclear Generating Station**

**Bruce Power Inc. - Centrale nucléaire de
Bruce A et Bruce B**

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear
Power Reactor Operating Licence for the
Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station

Demande de renouvellement, pour une période
de dix ans, de son permis d'exploitation d'un
réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale
nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

**Audience publique de la Commission –
Partie 2**

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
280 Slater St., PO Box 1046
Ottawa, ON
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Re Bruce Power application for a 10 year licence renewal.

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of support for Bruce Power's 10-year licence application on behalf of the Physician Recruitment Program, which helps bring physicians to the Municipality of Kincardine and the Town of Saugeen Shores.

Access to health care is an essential element of a vibrant, sustainable community.

That's why Bruce Power, the Town of Saugeen Shores and the Municipality of Kincardine have spent years actively recruiting doctors to our communities, through financially supporting the joint Physician Recruitment Program.

For many years it had been difficult to draw new physicians to our rural communities. Competition from larger centres, fewer options for specialization, the perceived remoteness of our communities, the impending retirements of long-time local physicians, a downturn in the nuclear industry in the late-1990s, and aging health care infrastructure were roadblocks to revitalizing our communities with physicians, who were looking to establish their practice.

The return-to-service of four Bruce A units from 2003-12 brought prosperity back to the region, and provided young people with long-term, stable jobs for the first time in over a decade. As the area boomed, it quickly became apparent that physician recruitment – and reducing the number of orphan patients in the communities – was necessary so the area could continue to grow and to ensure the health, wellness and safety of local residents.

With over 80 per cent of Bruce Power's 4,000-person workforce living within the Municipality of Kincardine and the Town of Saugeen Shores, it was no secret that teamwork between the communities and the company was necessary to ensure the long-term health and wellness of residents along the Lake Huron shoreline.

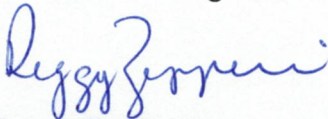
That's why Bruce Power, the Town of Saugeen Shores and the Municipality of Kincardine have spent years actively recruiting physicians to our communities through the joint Physician Recruitment Program. As the program's Physician Recruitment Specialist, I have had the honour of meeting many young physicians as they complete their education and take the next step to find the community that will allow their professional and personal interests to co-exist.

The Physician Recruitment Program is also providing support to the Saugeen First Nation Health Team as they conduct a community needs assessment. Once the assessment determines the requirements of the community, the Physician Recruitment Program will seek a doctor who fills those specific needs.

Bruce Power's investment in local health care goes much deeper than just physician recruitment. Over the past few years, they have donated \$1 million to Grey Bruce Health Services, which has invested that money into improving the Owen Sound Cancer Centre and upgrading the emergency department in Southampton, which has provided a huge boost for my recruitment efforts. The company has also committed \$1 million to proposed upgrades at the Kincardine Hospital, which continue to await approval from the Province of Ontario

This continued focus on providing top-notch health care to local residents, and drawing young physicians and their families to our area, will allow Bruce Power, the Municipality of Kincardine and the Town of Saugeen Shores to continue to grow in step.

With warmest regards,



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