PETITION TO THE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Requesting Enactment of a Local Law Requiring Public Referendum Before County Authorization or Support of Nuclear Power Generation Facilities

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

We, the undersigned registered voters and residents of Broome County, New York, petition the Broome County Legislature to enact a local law requiring that no nuclear power generation facility may be authorized, permitted, licensed, or supported through any County action without prior approval by binding, public referendum of the qualified voters of Broome County to be held only on Election Day.

RATIONALE FOR THIS PETITION

The establishment of a nuclear power generation facility within or affecting Broome County would have profound, long-lasting impacts on our community, including but not limited to:

Public Health and Safety: Nuclear facilities present unique safety considerations including potential radiation exposure, emergency evacuation planning requirements, and long-term storage of radioactive materials that directly affect the health and safety of all County residents.

Environmental Impact: Such facilities have significant environmental implications for our water resources, air quality, land use, and ecosystem that will affect generations of Broome County residents.

Economic Considerations: The County may be called upon to provide zoning approvals, infrastructure improvements, tax incentives, or other forms of municipal support that involve the expenditure or commitment of public resources.

Community Character: A decision of this magnitude fundamentally affects the character, development, and future of our community in ways that extend far beyond typical land use decisions.

DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

Decisions of such extraordinary significance to the health, safety, environment, and economic well-being of our community should not be made without the direct input and approval of the voters. A referendum requirement ensures that the people of Broome County have a direct voice in determining whether to authorize County support for nuclear power facilities within our community.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

The Broome County Legislature has the authority under Broome County Charter Section C203 and the Municipal Home Rule Law of New York State to enact local laws relating to the property, affairs, and government of the County. This petition requests the exercise of that authority to require voter approval before the County takes action to authorize or support nuclear power generation facilities.

REQUESTED ACTION

We respectfully request that the Broome County Legislature enact a local law providing that:

1. No nuclear power generation facility may be authorized, licensed, permitted, or otherwise approved to be sited, constructed, or operated within Broome County without prior approval by referendum of the qualified voters of Broome County to be held only on Election Day.

2. The County Legislature, County Executive, or any County agency, department, or official may not take any action to support, facilitate, or provide assistance for a nuclear power generation facility, including but not limited to zoning approvals, special use permits, infrastructure commitments, tax incentives, easements, or other forms of County support, without prior approval by referendum of the qualified voters of Broome County to be held only on Election Day.

3. Any referendum held pursuant to this law shall require approval by a majority of votes cast on the question. The question shall be, **"Shall Broome County allow the development of a nuclear power facility within the County?"**

We, the undersigned, are registered voters and/or residents of Broome County, New York, and we respectfully submit this petition.

This petition does NOT adopt a position FOR or AGAINST nuclear power.

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, BROOME, NY ZIP: _____

Date: _____

Print this petition, fill in the blanks, above, and mail completed petition

BY MAY 1, 2026 to:

WVAAB, Inc. (We Vote As A Block)
3439 Vestal Parkway East
P.O. Box 280
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