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Subject: Stakeholder Testimony Regarding House Bill 11

Dear Committee:

I am a citizen of Pennsylvania and grew up near Lewisberry, PA which is in close proximity to TMI. During the TMI nuclear incident I was living in Denver, CO but had family members still living close to TMI. I learned from individuals that were working at TMI at the time that a control room simulator didn't exist at that a lack of training contributed to the near meltdown.

My professional background includes having corporate responsibility for studying the viability of keeping manufacturing plants open as well as making decisions for plant closures. My studies and decisions resulted in the closure of five manufacturing plants. As a result, I am well aware of the impact of the cost of electric power, natural gas, labor, water & water treatment are important factors in keeping businesses in operation at their current location.

In the case of TMI, it is important to note that the this plant uses old nuclear technology, over 40 years old, and the plant is no longer a cost-effective producer of electricity that could be sold and distributed via the regional electric grid. Unlike the bailout of the U.S. automotive industry (GM and Chrysler) in the early 80s which was designed to protect a vital US industry and major employer, both directly and indirectly via loans, this bailout will only protect a limited number jobs in a small local area. It is critically important to note that this BAILOUT will not be in the form of a

loan, but rather, in the form of a subsidy for a high cost producer. While the jobs lost are important, I know that numerous current TMI employees are eligible or scheduled for retirement in the next few years.

Since residential and industrial electric users or PA tax payers would foot the bill for this bailout, **it is crucial that the cost of retraining TMI employees for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers be compared to using PA funds to keep an inefficient plant open before making a political bailout decision...** BUILD A VIABLE FUTURE vs PROTECT THE PAST

It is also important to note that the exact cost of closing the TMI facility and maintaining the site after the closure is unknown. The TMI facility has been sold a number of times and, it appears that, each new buyer has purchased the plant at a significant discount. This makes it easier for the last operator of the plant to “walk away” without future liability for environmental problems in decades or centuries to come.

#### Recommendation

Develop a comprehensive TMI plant closure plan that provides for the retraining of all TMI employees for 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs as well as prevents the site from becoming a future superfund site.

Respectfully Submitted,

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