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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1719

2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

3 WHEREAS, Zion Nuclear Power Station was a dual reactor  
4 nuclear power plant built in 1973 along the shore of Lake  
5 Michigan on 257 acres in the City of Zion; and

6 WHEREAS, The two Zion reactor units, each with a generating  
7 capacity of 1,040 MW, remained operational for approximately 23  
8 years from 1973 to 1997; and

9 WHEREAS, The construction of the Zion Nuclear Power Station  
10 was funded by utility ratepayers throughout the State of  
11 Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, The people of Zion cooperated with utilities in  
13 the construction and placement of the Zion Nuclear Power  
14 Station in their city; and

15 WHEREAS, Zion Nuclear Power Station paid \$19.8 million in  
16 local taxes in 1996, and those taxes represented approximately  
17 55% of the local tax base; and

18 WHEREAS, The loss of tax revenue has shifted the local tax  
19 burden onto the people of Zion, and negatively impacted the  
20 local taxing bodies including the City of Zion, Zion Township,

1 Zion Elementary School District 6, Zion-Benton High School  
2 District 126, Zion-Benton Library District, and Zion Park  
3 District; and

4 WHEREAS, Decontamination and dismantlement of the Zion  
5 Nuclear Power Station began in 2011 and continues with an  
6 estimated 2020 final closure date; and

7 WHEREAS, The 1982 federal Nuclear Waste Policy Act was  
8 enacted to provide for the development of repositories for the  
9 disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear  
10 fuel, including creation of the Interim Storage Fund; and

11 WHEREAS, The previously approved spent nuclear fuel  
12 repository at Yucca Mountain remains incomplete and unfunded  
13 and no alternative permanent fuel repository has been  
14 designated; and

15 WHEREAS, The Interim Storage Fund was created using  
16 ratepayer funds to make payments to a state or local government  
17 to mitigate social or economic impacts arising from the  
18 operation of an interim storage facility; and

19 WHEREAS, Upon completion of the dismantlement process, due  
20 to the lack of a permanent fuel repository, 2.2 million pounds  
21 of spent nuclear fuel rods will remain at the Zion Nuclear

1 Power Station, rendering the area a de facto interim nuclear  
2 storage facility; and

3 WHEREAS, The storage of this nuclear material will render a  
4 large portion of Zion's Lake Michigan shoreline unusable and  
5 valued at a fraction of its fair market value, resulting in a  
6 massive negative economic impact on the community; therefore,  
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to  
10 pass legislation to allocate funds from the Interim Storage  
11 Fund or any other funds to the local authorities in Zion and  
12 other similarly situated communities to mitigate social and  
13 economic impacts arising from the storage of nuclear material;  
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 delivered to Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Paul  
17 Ryan, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and all  
18 members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.