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Dear Woodbury County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to show our support for an important initiative in our community—the rezoning of industrial space to allow for nuclear energy production. As energy demands continue to rise and the need for a cleaner, more sustainable source of power becomes increasingly urgent, it is essential that we explore all viable options for securing our energy future. Nuclear energy, with its proven track record of providing reliable, low-carbon electricity, is a critical component of this transition.

Currently, many industrial areas are underutilized, and repurposing these spaces for nuclear energy production, including small modular reactors, presents an opportunity to drive economic growth, create jobs, and contribute to a greener energy portfolio in Woodbury County. By rezoning these areas, we can ensure that nuclear energy can be integrated into our community in a safe, environmentally responsible manner.

The benefits of nuclear energy extend far beyond just providing a reliable energy source. It can help us reduce our carbon footprint and mitigate the impacts of climate change, all while strengthening local economies through job creation, technological innovation, and new infrastructure development. Furthermore, by supporting this initiative, we would be aligning ourselves with forward-thinking policies that prioritize sustainable energy solutions for future generations.

We believe that our organization's influence and commitment to [community environmental issues/sustainable growth innovation] would be a powerful voice in advocating for this rezoning initiative. With your support, we can help ensure that the benefits of nuclear energy are realized while addressing our community's needs for economic development, energy security, and environmental responsibility.

I kindly ask for you to record our endorsement of this effort and would be happy to discuss the details further at your convenience. Together, we can take meaningful steps toward a cleaner, more sustainable energy future for our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of working together to make this initiative a reality.

Sincerely, Craig Levine - President, Northwest Iowa Building Trades