

THE ASSEMBLY STATE OF NEW YORK ALBANY

August 15, 2023

Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor State of New York 2nd Floor - Capitol Building Albany, New York 12224

RE: ASSEMBLY BILL 7208/SENATE BILL 6893

Dear Governor Hochul,

We, members of the New York State Assembly Majority, write to you today to amplify the concerns expressed by our Westchester colleagues in a recent letter regarding Assembly Bill 7208/Senate Bill 6893. We support their request that you please sign this legislation as soon as possible.

As you know, Holtec International has proposed discharging approximately 1.5 million gallons of tritiated water into the Hudson River this fall, perhaps as early as September. As mentioned in the Westchester delegation letter, public confidence in the decommissioning process continues to erode. The idea that federal regulators may allow Holtec to discharge treated wastewater without waiting for the results of all the required testing is concerning, particularly given the potential danger of the contaminant in question, strontium-90.

Governor Maura Healey of Massachusetts has recently blocked Holtec's plan to discharge a similar quantity of treated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay, for reasons comparable to those that underpin Assembly Bill 7208/Senate Bill 6893. Many of us are now hearing from constituents who believe that New York State should take an equivalent action to protect the Hudson River by signing this legislation.

We thank you in advance for your urgent attention and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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