San Onofre and Beyond: Support Letter Campaign

Below are example support letters. Each letter should be personal, with a unique writing style that reflects the individual's perspective.

GENERAL LETTER

Dear Governor Newsom and Pro Tem Atkins,

My name is [insert name] and I live in [insert city], at the zip code of [insert zip code]. I am deeply concerned about radioactive waste stored at the four nuclear plants in California, because they threaten my [reasons of concern].

My family [add organization name, if applies] requests that California leads the nation by taking immediate action to increase state oversight of radioactive waste. We cannot afford to wait. Our way of life, economy, food, and water systems depend on you doing the right thing.

Sincerely,
[SIGNATURE]

FARMER TEMPLATE

Dear Governor Newsom and Pro Tem Atkins,

My name is John Doe and I represent the Happy Citrus Company [INCLUDE LETTERHEAD] in Fresno, CA at the zip code 93605. I farm citrus trees, and a radiation leak would destroy my land and make it impossible for me to make a living. I would be forced to lose all the investment of labor and time that my family put into this farm for generations.

Leaving my hometown would break my heart, but I know that radiation in the water is impossible to filter out. Please take action with state legislation and oversight of radioactive waste before an accident. Millions of Californian's depend on you to act swiftly.

Sincerely, [SIGNATURE]

ARTIST LETTER

Dear Governor Newsom and Pro Tem Atkins,

My name is Henry Smith and I live in Pismo Beach at the zip code 93449. I make my living as an artist who photographs wildlife and landscapes. If there were an error made at a nuclear power plant I would lose out on my major source of income: taking photos of beach landscapes, migrating birds and monarch butterflies. These radiation errors are irreversible and I would have to change careers.

I don't have the time to fix this issue, but you have the authority. We need California leaders to take action by passing legislation for state oversight and more CPUC scrutiny before releasing money to these businesses managing radioactive waste.

[print award-winning photo with letter]

Sincerely,
[SIGNATURE]

PARENT/CHILD'S LETTER

Dear Governor Newsom and Pro Tem Atkins,

Our names are Jane, Jeff, and Jenny Davis and we live in Redding, CA at the zip code 96002. Our family are not scientists, and we just want to live in a healthy community, free of radiation. We know that radiation causes cancer, and the nuclear power plants store a lot of it.

Please take immediate action on improving oversight of the private companies that manage radioactive waste. We could not afford to move if there was a radioactive incident.

[Picture drawn by children]

Sincerely,
[SIGNATURES]

PHYSICIAN TEMPLATE

Dear Governor Newsom and Pro Tem Atkins,

My name is Dr. Jane Doe and I live in Sacramento, CA at the zip code 95814. I am deeply disturbed by the frequent errors and lack of adequate oversight at California's nuclear power plants and the on-site storage locations. As a physician, I will be expected to respond to injuries from a radiation incident and at this time I know that the medical community is unprepared for such a scenario - whether from aging storage canisters or acts of malfeasance.

I implore California leaders to respond with legislation to provide more thorough state oversight and increase state pressure on the federal government to adequately budget and plan for the millennia of radioactive waste storage at nuclear power plants.

Sincerely, [SIGNATURE]