



July 20, 2014

Dear Candidate,

Cape Downwinders [[www.capedownwinders.org](http://www.capedownwinders.org)] is contacting candidates in this year's Massachusetts primary and general elections to ascertain their positions on closing the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPS) in Plymouth, MA.

We are committed to closing PNPS because it represents a threat to the health and safety of the people of the Commonwealth. Our activities are tapping into a groundswell of concern among the voting public. Our questions are designed to provide information to voters as they choose from among the candidates.

**1. Do you support permanently closing the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station?**

Background: In 2013, all 15 Cape Cod towns passed resolutions asking the Governor to request the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to close the reactor because public safety cannot be assured. In early 2014 five towns on Martha's Vineyard followed suit.

*Answer: Yes X No \_\_\_* ***Explanation: The Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station can and should be closed, once a newly updated and fully compliant replacement nuclear power station has been constructed and is made completely operational. Please understand that though I agree that the aging Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station should eventually be decommissioned, I do however strongly support Nuclear Energy as a safe and viable means of electrical power production for Cape Cod residents for generations to come.***

**2. Do you support expansion of the current emergency planning zone for plume exposure to include all of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Counties?**

Background: Legislation introduced last year at the State House (H2045) would enlarge the current Plume Exposure Pathway Emergency Planning Zone to include all of Cape Cod and the Islands. The bill failed to be voted out of the Joint Public Health Committee.

*Answer: Yes X No \_\_\_* *Explanation (if any)*

**3. Have you accepted or would you accept campaign contributions from Entergy or any of its affiliates? If so, please specify the amount.**

Answer: Yes  No  Explanation (if any)

**4. Additional comments and recommendations:** *On a related issue, the Cape Wind Project should **NOT** be built at the location currently proposed in Nantucket Sound. As presently proposed, I am opposed to the Cape Wind Project.*

Please e-mail your answers by Friday, August 4 to [larry.minear@gmail.com](mailto:larry.minear@gmail.com) (508-255-3430). Thank you in advance for your response. The results will be released on the CDW website and to the media, indicating the responses received as well as the names of the candidates, if any, who have not replied.

Sincerely,

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