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Dear Mr. Lesar,

I highly oppose the proposal of the LES Uranium enrichment plant in Hartsville Tennessee. I oppose any expansion of the nuclear power industry due to the costly and unsolved problem of waste disposal in addition to the illnesses and suffering of workers in places such as Oak Ridge. The tax money we are spending to compensate families of sick workers on Oak Ridge would be better spent on schools, and those sick workers would be better off if they had never seen the Oak Ridge facility. Despite these deeply held opinions my stance on the proposed plant in Hartsville deepened when I drove through it and appreciated the beauty of the countryside, when I sat inside Trousdale county highschool and looked into the faces of the young people of Hartsville. How can anyone claim that a plant that will operate a maximum of 25 or 30 years and leave behind thousands of tons of waste with a lifespan of millions of years is beneficial? That is an awfully heavy burden for the children of Trousdale county to hold. How can we justify expanding a form of energy that has continually sickened people and proven hazardous to our soil and water? Please do not expose the people of Trousdale county and Tennessee to these dangers. I ask you not to respond to any request by LES to limit public comment in any way. I also believe that the comment period should be extended and that there should be a number of public hearings on this matter.

Respectfully,

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