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May 24, 1999

Dr. Shirley Jackson, Chair
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: Michigan House Concurrent Resolution No. 29 and House Resolution No. 56

Dear Chairperson Jackson:

The Michigan House of Representatives has adopted the enclosed House Concurrent Resolution No. 29 and House Resolution No. 56. Per the direction of the House of Representatives, I am transmitting a copy of the resolutions to your office.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Randall, Clerk
Michigan House of Representatives

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Enclosures

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STATE OF MICHIGAN



MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

House Concurrent Resolution No. 29

Offered by Representatives Middaugh, Birkholz, DeVuyst, Wojno, DeHart, Kelly, Jamnick, Rocca, Richner, Dennis, Woronchak, Pappageorge, Cassis, Faunce, Green, Bovin, Koetje, Vander Roest, DeRosetti, Toy, Tabor, Jansen, Caul, Jelinek, Scranton, Kukuk, Vear, Bradstreet, Van Woerkom, Gossefin, Voorhees, Allen, Callahan, Ehardt, Garcia, Gilbert, Hager, Hale, Howell, Jellema, Rick Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Julian, Kilpatrick, Kuipers, LaSata, Lemmons, Mortimer, Patterson, Prusi, Richardville, Schauer, Scott, Switalski, Thomas and Vaughn

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO URGE THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT REPOSITORY FOR HIGH-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE

WHEREAS, Over the past four decades, nuclear power has become a significant source for the nation's production of electricity. Michigan is among the majority of states that derive energy from nuclear plants; and

WHEREAS, Since the earliest days of nuclear power, the great dilemma associated with this technology is how to deal with the waste material that is produced. This high-level radioactive waste material demands exceptional care in all facets of its storage and disposal, including the transportation of this material; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. This legislation requires the federal government, through the Department of Energy, to build a facility for the permanent storage of high-level nuclear waste. This act, which was amended in 1987, includes a specific timetable to identify a suitable location and to establish the waste facility. The costs for this undertaking are to be paid from a fee that is assessed on all nuclear energy produced; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the federal act, customers of utilities operating nuclear plants in Michigan have contributed, directly and through accumulated interest, some \$700 million for the construction and operation of a federal waste facility; and

WHEREAS, There are serious concerns that the federal government is not complying with the timetables set forth in federal law. Every delay places our country at greater risk, because the large number of temporary sites at nuclear facilities across the country makes us vulnerable to potential problems. The Department of Energy, working with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, must not fail to meet its obligation as provided by law. There is too much at stake; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (the Senate concurring), That we urge the United States Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to fulfill their obligation to establish a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Department of Energy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives, May 5, 1999

Adopted by the Senate, May 20, 1999

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

Sary E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Resolution No. 56

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