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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chief,

Please accept this letter of support for Southern Company's planned expansion of Plant Vogtle in Waynesboro, Georgia.

Georgia is currently one of the fastest growing states in the nation. We must plan now to be certain that the future energy needs for the people of Georgia will be met.

Nuclear energy is important in meeting the electric power needs of our citizens in Georgia, as well as throughout the nation. Today, nuclear energy provides clean, reliable and low-cost electricity to 20 percent of our nation. These plants are essential in maintaining the reliability of the U.S. electric power system.

Nuclear power plants have a minimal impact on the environment. They do not emit greenhouse gasses or carbon into the environment and are one of the lowest environmental impacts of any electricity fuel source.

The planned expansion at Plant Vogtle is good for the economy. New units at the site will provide for more job opportunities for the citizens in Burke County and surrounding areas.

More nuclear energy will help ensure clean, safe, reliable electricity for our state, our region and the entire U.S. For these reasons, I support the addition of new nuclear units at Plant Vogtle and the continued use of nuclear energy.

Sincerely,

ROSS TOLLESON
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