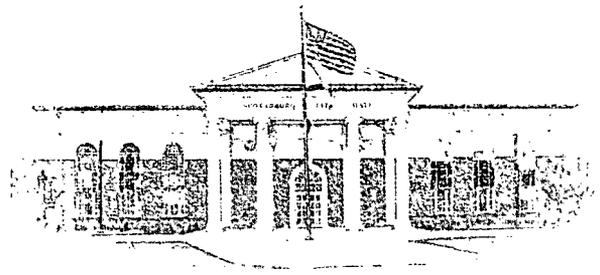


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Dear Friends:

Many years ago, the people of Jackson County were so excited to be a vital part of the growing nuclear energy program as the planning and implementation of the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant began construction.

When the program went into moth ball status, the people of our city and county and surrounding areas experienced a decline in economic activities that only recently have made a comeback. And now we find ourselves with wonderful opportunities facing us. Our unemployment rate is low. Scottsboro is experiencing an influx of development and growth in housing highlighted by the development on Goose Pond Island. With the combined effort of the City of Scottsboro and the Jackson County Commission, collectively we have built the new Jackson County Industrial Park to secure quality and high paying jobs for the people of this area. BRAC – the Base Realignment and Closure program – offers 10,000 jobs to the North Alabama area in the next four years. An aggressive effort has been made on the part of your leaders in city, county, and state government and the Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Development Board, the State of Alabama ADO – Alabama Development Office, and especially our EDA – the Economic Development Authority aggressively working for a better tomorrow for the great people of this area.

While concentrating on growth, we also examine other aspects of our economy and the safety and well being of our people is of high importance as well. Many outstanding people of our area have carefully listened to all proposals that have been presented to us on what we might be able to do with the Bellefonte Facility over the years. Many mayors before me have tried to be an essential part of the revitalization of the property. Most recently one proposal was that of producing tritium. Today we find ourselves with a unique opportunity to watch the City of Scottsboro, Jackson County, the surrounding tri-

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state area, and our United States greatly prosper with this proposal by TVA – not through being imitators, but by being innovators - in the production of energy through the new generation nuclear reactor process and lead the way for others to emulate. Many leaders of our area have listened to the proposal and find it to be a good one. Many improvements - including enhancements in safety innovations and technology - have been made in the thirty years since a nuclear reactor has been built in the United States. I have reviewed documentation where TVA has considered the building of the Bellefonte facility with concentration on endangered species and wildlife, hazardous waste, historic structures, farmland, groundwater, the 100 year floodplain, and the drinking water quality and supply – just to list a few. I am one of several who have carefully considered the presentation of Nu-Start Consortium and TVA and feel that the safety issue has been addressed in an acceptable manner.

On any issue there are proponents and opponents. That is simply the free spirit of the wonderful country in which we live and it is our right to argue as we choose.

It is after careful consideration of related factors that as Mayor of the City of Scottsboro, I firmly feel that we need to proceed with conviction and steadfast commitment working hand in hand with TVA on the development and final completion of the Bellefonte Facility as a nuclear site with two new generation safe and highly productive Westinghouse nuclear reactors. I have every confidence that if we are fortunate enough to be successful in TVA's quest for energy improvement at Bellefonte that in years to come that we will proudly look back on this event as one of the most dynamic to help our people and our economy grow and prosper in a safe and fruitful fashion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Deason". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Dan Deason
Mayor