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**Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Public Meeting
Scottsboro, Alabama**

RE: Proposed Bellefonte Nuclear Power Plant Construction

My name is Ron Bailey a resident of Scottsboro, Alabama. From 2000 until 2004 I served the city as mayor. I remain involved in this community with the Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, my church, and our local high school.

I come here today to voice my support for the efforts of TVA and their application for construction of a new generation of nuclear power generation at the Bellefonte site near here. I believe the practical solution for the needed electrical generation within the next decade is nuclear power. The accompanying conflict between power generation and the environment in the short term is nuclear power.

I ask that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission do their part in protecting our citizens and the environment as this project goes from idea to reality. People of all ages are depending on you to examine this application and implementation every step of the way.

Almost three decades ago this community held meetings very similar to this and debated the best and worst of nuclear power as it pertained to our safety and environment. New technologies have not changed or deterred our interest and need for safety and environmental effects. We are counting on you to stand in the breach between us and future possibilities.

Today's information gathering is not to dissuade or discourage us in moving toward the future. We must always embrace new technologies and contemporary needs. The buggy whips of today will soon become the integrated circuits of tomorrow. Please assist us as we, and you, gather the best available information for making decisions critical for today and future generations.

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