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*In regard to the William States Lee III Nuclear Station being built in Gaffney, South Carolina, I am in full support of this effort. I began working for Duke Energy in 1978 at the Cherokee Nuclear Site so you can well imagine how excited I am to see this new endeavor underway. Cherokee County unquestionably needs the boost in economy as well as the stature Duke Energy would bring to the community.*

*Working with Duke Energy for the past 30 years I have come to understand just how safe and reliable Nuclear energy is. I am fully confident Duke Energy's choices for the design and suppliers will be the safest and most economical nuclear reactors. As well as operating the nuclear plant safely, Duke Energy also focuses on Nuclear Safety Guiding Principles for their employees.*

*Duke Energy is exceedingly involved in numerous community efforts and encourages the good neighbor policy. As a lifelong resident I would like to see these efforts expanded in Cherokee County.*

*I appreciate your consideration of the proposed new Nuclear Site in Cherokee County and the opportunities in which it will allow our community to grow immeasurably.*

*Sincerely,*

*Debbie Blanton*

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