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Dear Sir or Madam:

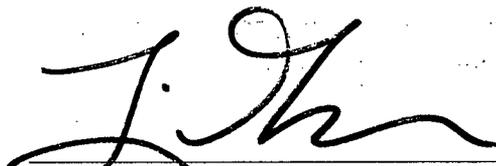
As members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation we are writing to support Duke Energy's application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a license to construct and operate the William States Lee III Nuclear Station in Cherokee County, S.C. This new electric generating facility will significantly contribute to meeting the growing energy needs of South Carolina by providing safe, affordable and clean electricity.

The Lee Nuclear Station will provide significant benefits to South Carolina's economy and has broad support from citizens within the community who stand to directly benefit from the construction and operation of this facility. Duke Energy's multi-billion dollar investment in South Carolina will bring more than 3,000 construction jobs and over 800 full-time jobs, contributing positively to the economy of Cherokee County, as well as neighboring counties, during its operating life. Additionally, as we have seen at other facilities, station employees will contribute to their communities in many ways, including financially and through volunteer and service commitments.

Duke Energy has demonstrated safe and reliable nuclear operations in South Carolina for more than 30 years at its Catawba and Oconee nuclear stations. The Company has proven to be a good neighbor and corporate citizen in South Carolina contributing both to the economic and environmental benefit of the state. We have no doubt that Duke Energy's commitment to safe and efficient nuclear facility management will continue with the construction and operation of the Lee Nuclear Station.

As you are well aware, the nuclear renaissance will not truly begin until we start replacing license applications with bricks and mortar. We encourage the NRC to move as quickly as possible to approve the license application for the William States Lee III Nuclear Station and allow Duke Energy to move forward with the construction and operation of this needed electric generating station.

Sincerely,


Lindsey O. Graham
U.S. Senate


Jim DeMint
U.S. Senate

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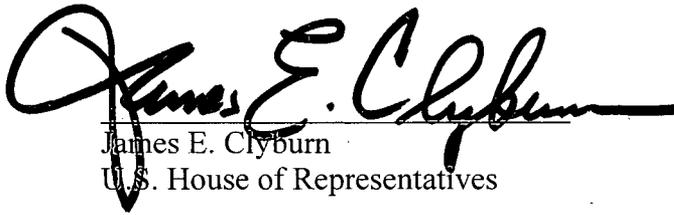
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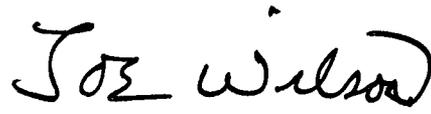
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