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Mr. Stephen Monarque
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Dear Mr. Monarque:

As the state Senator who represents Somervell County and the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, I welcome you to Glen Rose.

Our state's population and economy are growing rapidly, and projections show that we need additional power generation if we are to sustain that growth. Luminant has declared its intention to request a combined operating and licensing application for two additional nuclear power units. I support this requested expansion.

As Chairman of the Texas Senate Committee on Natural Resources, I have spent a great deal of time examining our need for additional power generation and the environmental impact of a broad mix of generation options. Two new, nuclear reactors will provide much needed generation capacity, add further fuel diversity to our generation portfolio and provide clean, reliable power.

I understand that the license application request is an early step in a lengthy process, and I appreciate the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's willingness to give our community the opportunity to participate in that process.

As this project continues forward, please let me know if I may provide additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kip Averitt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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