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Dear Ms. Bladey,

Thank you for your time in working for the good of our country, and its energy needs.

I am writing to express my deep concern about the Clinch River Small Modular Reactor Project. These reactors are not needed and are prohibitively expensive when compared to clean, renewable solar and wind power. What's more, the Tennessee Valley Authority is seeking site approval before the reactor designs have even been studied, much less approved. SMRs are significantly more water-intensive than clean energy choices such as wind, solar and energy efficiency and conservation. And just like existing nuclear power plants, they produce long-lived, highly radioactive nuclear waste for which no safe management and permanent storage exists.

I implore you to deny the permit. It does not make sense that we would allow them to go in this direction when good, safe alternatives exist.

My hope is that you and other earnest, environmentally aware government administrators and leaders will encourage TVA to look at the long-term implications, not just their present bottom line, and seek clean and safe energy choices.

Sincerely,

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