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I would like to register my support for the building of a Small Modular Reactor at the old TVA CRBR site in southwest Oak Ridge. I have some familiarity with the small-scale, underground-vessel design of modular reactors, having spent the final years of my research career at ORNL studying the postirradiation condition of TRISO fuel particles for the MHTGR program. I do not think a similarly-emplaced SMR would present a risk to either the Clinch River [a cold and constant-level river] environment or to public safety. On the latter point, our home at 113 Westwind Drive near the top of Black Oak Ridge, ten air miles from the CRBR site, makes us among the nearest city residents, but I nonetheless do not feel endangered. To the contrary, I see concrete steps, like this one, toward introducing new nuclear reactor technology (base-load and carbon-free) as enhancing long-term environmental and public health locally and nationally. It is outside my expertise to comment on the geology of the proposed site, but I presume that it was investigated in detail before the enormous excavation for the CRBR was conducted.

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