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Dear Mr. Hickey:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently published a DEIS on the construction and operation of the proposed Claiborne Uranium Enrichment Center, Slaiborne Parish, Louisiana. This DEIS is overall favorable to the construction and operation of the Claiborne Center.

This center would provide a competitive and reliable national source of uranium enrichment services to U.S. customers and contribute to U.S. independence from foreign sources of this service. The center would be a complementary and competitive supplier for this service to commercial utilities and provide a means to negate the dependence on foreign suppliers and sources.

The center would not pose a significant threat to public health and safety.

I urge you to support the findings of the DEIS and to expedite the licensing process for the Louisiana facility.

Sincerely,

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