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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

To Whom It May Concern:

As a citizen of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, I am writing to voice my "favorable" opinion concerning the proposed uranium enrichment facility to be located here. I have read the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction and Operation of Claiborne Enrichment Center, Homer, Louisiana, as well as other publications concerning the proposal of locating the uranium facility in our area. After reading all the pros and cons, I can truthfully say that I can see only positive effects resulting from the establishment of this facility.

The unemployment rate in Claiborne Parish is very high. There simply are no jobs. Because of this, we lose many of our most brilliant young people to colleges out of our area--some even out of state, and as a result, most never return to Claiborne Parish because they cannot earn a living here. The uranium plant will provide a much needed boost for the economy of the entire region.

I have read with interest the issues concerning potential environmental affects of locating the uranium plant in our area, and have concluded that the risks are very minimal. The plant would be under constant scrutiny of many regulatory agencies, and I have confidence in the federal government's inspection guidelines. I believe the uranium facility would pose no greater risk to our community than some of the industrial facilities already located here.

There seems to be a small group of individuals who do not wish to have the uranium plant here. I believe this to be simply their failure to understand or comprehend the issues involved. For some reason, a few negative comments always seem to make news whereas many positive comments are sometimes overlooked giving the appearance that many individuals in our community are opposed to the uranium plant. I don't believe this to be the case at all. I myself know of only one person who has reservations about the uranium plant, and this individual is only concerned about possible devaluation of their lake property--not concern for environmental or safety issues.

I hope that many others will let you know that most of the people in Claiborne Parish are looking forward to having the uranium plant built here.

Sincerely,

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