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Mr. John W. N. Hickey
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Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Hickey,

The Preamble of the Constitution of the United States states that one of its purposes is to "promote the General Welfare".

In a World of free trade, the standard of living of the people will depend upon the skill and efficiency with which the people create salable goods and services. Nuclear electric power is an example of the skill of the American people.

The efficiency of production depends in part upon the cost of energy. The U.S. N.R.C. to a large extent controls the cost of nuclear electrical energy. Specifically, at this time:

The U.S. N.R.C. should approve the Environmental Impact Statement for the Clairborne Enrichment Center near Homer, Louisiana. This facility will employ a new technology (centrifuging as opposed to gaseous diffusion). The new technology is significantly more energy efficient and, hence, cheaper than the older technology. As such, the proposed plant will set the price for slightly enriched uranium on world markets. The U.S. nuclear power industry will be able to buy its slightly enriched uranium from this domestic source; rather than from foreign sources.

Sincerely,

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