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Dear Mr. Hickey,

My husband and I are contacting you concerning the construction and operation of the Claiborne Enrichment Center to be located within the Claiborne Parish in northern Louisiana. As this issue is very significant to our overall energy picture, we would like to urge the NRC to support the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and expedite the licensing process for the Louisiana facility.

The Claiborne Enrichment Center would provide a competitive and reliable national source of uranium enrichment services to U.S. customers and would contribute to U.S. independence from foreign sources of this sensitive service, as well as a complementary and competitive supplier for this service to commercial utilities and would provide a means to negate the dependence on foreign suppliers and sources. Through the combined result of plant and process design, protective and administrative controls, operation of the Claiborne Enrichment Center does not pose a significant threat to public health and safety.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this vital issue.

Sincerely yours,

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