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Chief, Enrichment Branch  
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D C 20555

Dear Sir,

I was born and have lived all my life in Homer, Louisiana. I want to express my strong support for the prompt issuance of a license for the proposed Claiborne Enrichment Center.

I am serving my fourth term on the Homer City Council, and have been active in business and civic affairs in this town for many years. I consider this one of the best economic boosts this town has ever had the opportunity to experience. Practically all of the elected officials I know, at the state, parish, and city level support this plant.

I had the opportunity to visit the Duke nuclear power facility in South Carolina and was certainly impressed with the strict safety rules and the fine record of accident free operations there. I have confidence in the practices of this company, and trust their future in Homer will require the same careful and diligent attention to a safe operation.

I am required to trust the ability of your office to regulate this plant from a safe environment perspective, and I am willing to do that. I realize there is a small group of active, almost fanatical, people who oppose all types of construction in the nuclear field. I sure hope you do not allow their emotional and unscientific opposition to effect your decision. Some of those in the local area that oppose this plant, have opposed every project that has surfaced over the past forty years, including new industry, the local lake, the correctional facility, and other civic projects that have been vital to our progress.

One of the objections that I have read in the paper regarding this plant location is "ignoring the existence of two communities-and wiping them off the map". In my office I have seven different types of maps of Claiborne Parish readily at hand, (ownership, tourist, political, highway, traffic count, resources, economic development). Not one of these maps has the indication of any community at the location involved. Of course two rural churches nearby do exist, and the area does have scattered homes. I desire nothing that would harm their continued safe existence, along with the safety of my own community of Homer.

I have read your draft impact report. Much information has been available over the past several years regarding this project. I have read most of it. I believe this plant is a worthy endeavor for our local community; and the nation as well; and should be approved.

Sincerely,

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