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Dr. Richard A. Meserve, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Meserve:

As a Georgia State Representative and resident of Augusta, Georgia, I would like to express my support for the Savannah River Site (SRS) and the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility to be located there.

The importance of the plutonium disposition program to our national and international security under which the MOX fuel mission lies can not be over emphasized. The fact that SRS produced and processed much of the plutonium used in our weapons gives them the experience and expertise to handle this new mission. The Department of Energy locating it there was the right decision. The historical record of safety excellence at SRS serves as more evidence that the decision was correct for our nation. The involvement of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in its oversight and approval role relative to the MOX facility will make this great safety record even greater.

I and this community fully support SRS and the MOX fuel mission. Any opposition to MOX Fuel and SRS will come from outside this community. We know that plutonium can be safely handled and processed, and based on the excellent record of the Department of Energy, can be transported safely and securely. Any actual risks are minimal and acceptable. The NRC study on the risk of transporting spent fuel certainly validates this position. I ask that the EIS for this project accurately reflect the support of this community.

I appreciate the Nuclear Regulatory Commission holding the public hearing in North Augusta and allowing me the opportunity to voice my support.

Sincerely,

Representative Sue Burmeister