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February 7, 2018

The Honorable Kamala Harris
Unites States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Harris:

On behalf of the City of San Clemente, I want to bring to your attention to the ongoing concerns of the residents of the City of San Clemente and Southern California due to the nuclear waste stored at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS). On behalf of the city of San Clemente, this letter requests your priority attention to the nuclear waste issues that affects ours and other communities close to SONGS.

Specifically, we respectfully request that you visit SONGS in the coming weeks. Senator Dianne Feinstein's visit in 2012 with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Chair was both productive and reassuring to the community. As San Clemente Mayor, I am happy to organize this visit.


The City of San Clemente continues to support the efforts of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to proceed with the creation of a permanent spent nuclear fuel repository as tasked by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. The City further supports the current congressional effort in H.R. 3643 (Interim Consolidated Storage Act) that would be a critical step towards removing the waste from the California coastline. We request your continued action on behalf of San Clemente to press the Federal agencies (DOE, NRC, etc) to further renew their efforts to find a real and lasting solution to our nation's nuclear waste problem.

We also believe your visit could result in sharpened policy push to recognize communities near nuclear stations that bear an elevated level of risk and this requires remedy. Six years ago, the Blue Ribbon Panel determined that the best way forward was to find communities that consent to becoming either a temporary or permanent repository. Since DOE has failed to address their lawful obligations to create a permanent spent nuclear fuel repository or develop any other solution, Southern California and San Clemente, by default, have become a permanent waste repository. This outcome is unacceptable to our residents and it demands remedy.

Finally, we appreciate that your staff has visited SONGS and made themselves available. At this time, we ask for your personal attention to the issue of nuclear waste storage. Please feel free to contact me for additional information, a discussion of dates, or other input.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Tim Brown
Mayor
City of San Clemente

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