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The Honorable Dave Huizenga
Senior Advisor for Environmental Management
Office of Environmental Management
Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Huizenga,

It is my understanding that the Department of Energy (DOE) is working towards completion of a reprogramming request for its Office of Environmental Management (EM). This reprogramming is essential as it would reallocate funds to the necessary accounts allowing the Department to complete environmental cleanup missions of national importance and will also address pending furloughs across the Complex.

I am very concerned about the Savannah River Site, which I represent along with Congressman Clyburn. Starting Monday, April 1, the Site will begin 32-hour week furloughs for over 2500 employees. Moreover, a delay in reallocating the funds to the necessary accounts will hamper the Site's ability to continue its environmental cleanup missions which are vital to both the state of South Carolina and our nation.

I understand the difficulties sequestration has caused for all of us. While our government must take measures to curb spending, sequestration is a poor vehicle to rein in our expenditures and I have never been supportive of the measure.

Given the current fiscal state of affairs, I ask that you do all in your power to expedite the DOE-EM reprogramming request to Congress for final approval. The important missions your Office oversees are essential to our country. A timely reprogramming request will not only ensure that DOE continues to honor its environmental cleanup obligations, but will also give assurances to thousands of dedicated workers across the DOE Complex.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of my request. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Joe Wilson

Cc: The Honorable Jeffrey Zients, Acting Director for Office of Management and Budget

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