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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Dr. Chu:


The purpose of this letter is threefold: First, we, the undersigned members of the Aiken County Legislative Delegation, thank you for meeting with our Congressional delegation concerning the Department of Energy's (DOE) recent directive regarding the H Canyon facility located at the Savannah River Site (SRS). We appreciate your time and efforts in supporting our mission to insure the H Canyon facility will remain serving both us and the rest of the nation as the only shielded nuclear chemical separations plant.

Second, we have an obligation to our community, county, state and country to emphasize that SRS' nuclear materials, workforce, knowledge and assets can and must be used to help our nation address its critical missions on energy, environment, and national security. We invite you to come and visit the H Canyon and experience for yourself the magnitude of its operation.

Third, we are concerned over the 15,000 used fuel rods currently stored in L Area that have no disposition path unless they are processed through H Canyon. We are also aware that an additional 4,500 used fuel rods are scheduled to come to SRS between now and 2019. As state legislators, we are concerned that the State of South Carolina will become a permanent dumping ground for this used fuel. We ask that you address these concerns to us as soon as you can.

Thank you again for your attention to our concerns and for taking the time to meet with our Congressional delegation.

Sincerely,



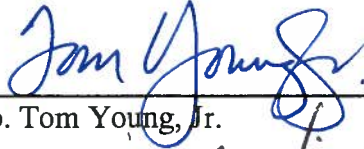
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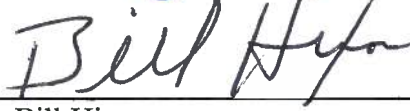
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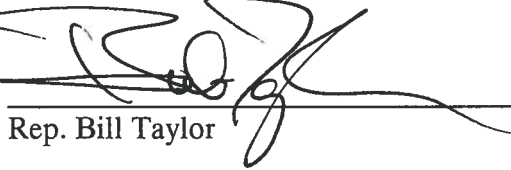
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