

**ANDERSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

January 25, 2001

Mr. Gary Hartman  
U. S. Department of Energy  
Oak: Kidge Operations Office  
P. O. Box 2001  
Oak Ridge, TN 37831

RE: Y-12 Modernization

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Attached is a resolution from the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce to support the Y-12 Plant Modernization. We submit this resolution as part of the public hearing record on January 25, 2001.

Sincerely,



Jackie L. Nichols  
President

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce and its predecessors, the Greater Clinton Chamber of Commerce and the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, have been aware of the critical role of the Y-12 Plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in ensuring our national security for its more than fifty years of existence; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the infrastructure and facilities at the Y-12 Plant are at least forty years old and new capital investment is essential for the Y-12 Plant to continue in its vital role of providing the nation with unique and necessary national defense capabilities; and

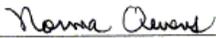
WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Energy is currently proposing construction of new facilities for missions of the Y-12 Plant and the Y-12 defense program and these new facilities and the associated modernization will ensure that the Y-12 Plant with its traditional expertise, trained, experienced workers and staff, can continue to provide a rapid response to a variety of requirements that must be met to maintain a strong nuclear deterrence as a result of changing global situations; and

WHEREAS, from a more narrow perspective, for more than fifty years the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce has been intimately and thoroughly aware of the enormous positive impact of the Y-12 Plant operations on the economic development and economic health of Anderson County and the entire region; and

WHEREAS, failure to modernize the Y-12 Plant would not only cause enormous harm to the national interest, but would cause enormous harm to our local economy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce that it strongly endorses the current plans of the U. S. Department of Energy to construct new facilities at the Y-12 Plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee and effect the associated modernization which will ensure the ability of the Y-12 Plant to continue its missions in support of the national interest and to continue to serve its role in providing economic stability and growth for this region.

This 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.

  
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Chairman, Board of Directors  
Anderson County Chamber of Commerce

  
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President,  
Anderson County Chamber of Commerce

Comment No. 1  
Comment noted.

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