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Gary S. Hartman
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Oak Ridge, TN 37831

Dear Mr. Hartman,

I am the State Representative from Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Prior to being elected to this position, I practiced pediatrics for 27 years in Oak Ridge and cared for many of the young people growing up in Anderson County. I have a great interest in the operation of the Department of Energy facilities in our area.

I am very much aware of the critical role that Y-12 has had in our National Security for the past 55 years. We Oak Ridgers are extremely proud of this heritage. The community and area fully support the continued long-term role of Y-12 as the primary production site for critical components for the nations nuclear weapon's program.

I have closely followed the health, safety and environmental regulations and requirements and believe that the Y-12 plant is in compliance. It is critical to our community's continued strong support that Y-12 be in compliance. Modernization of the Y-12 plant through the proposed construction of new facilities would ensure that safety, health and environmental compliance are met more effectively with a reduced long term cost to taxpayers.

Management at Y-12 has done a yeoman's job on health and safety issues in spite of a decaying and now 55-year-old infrastructure. As the State Representative from Oak Ridge, I commend DOE for this Draft SWEIS process and go on record as fully supportive of modernization activities.

Sincerely,


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