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Mr. Harris Walker, Director  
Mr. Ike White, Chief of Staff  
National Nuclear Security Administration  
Department of Energy (NA-EA-30)  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Plutonium Pit Production Expansion – Savannah River Site

Dear Director Walker and Mr. White:

Please accept this letter in support of the Savannah River Site (SRS) being the location chosen for the expansion of the national Plutonium Pit Production Mission. SRS has a longstanding history for nearly seventy years of providing a highly skilled workforce to support national security missions. Additionally, our two state region is uniquely situated to offer the trained workforce and the education pipeline which are necessary to support the successful operation of this important national security mission. Further, with its long-standing safety and environmental protection record and expertise in both the nuclear and national security fields, we are confident of SRS's ability to manage both the Plutonium Pit Production Mission along with the Mixed-Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility.

In view of the above, we, the undersigned members of the Aiken County Legislative Delegation, support the expansion of the national Plutonium Pit Production Mission to the Savannah River Site and we request that the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration approve this expansion. Many of us personally shared this position with Secretary Perry this past week during his visit to the SRS, and we join with the many other elected officials in the communities that we represent supporting the Mission's expansion to SRS.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Young, Jr., Senate District 24

Nikki G. Setzler, Senate District 26

William Clyburn, House District 82

Ronnie Young, House District 84

A. Shane Massey, Senate District 25

Bart Blackwell, House District 81

Bill Hixon, House District 83

Bill Taylor, House District 86

cc: The Honorable Lindsey Graham, The Honorable Tim Scott, The Honorable Joe Wilson,  
The Honorable Jim Clyburn, The Honorable Henry McMaster, and The Honorable Rick Perry