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The Honorable Allison M. Macfarlane  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Chairwoman Macfarlane:

Thank you for your service. The Commission has a very serious responsibility and provides essential protections to the American Public. It is fitting that you seek public input on matters of great importance to the safety and security of the nuclear industry.

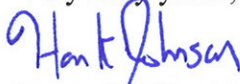
As I understand, to satisfy the DC Court of Appeals ruling regarding waste confidence, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") has held public hearings across the United States to obtain input on this issue. The process of holding these hearings is coming to an end in October and I am concerned that the NRC has not scheduled a meeting in Georgia, the state that will soon have the first two nuclear reactors in 30 years. Georgians have a unique perspective on this issue and deserve an opportunity to provide their input to the NRC. By this letter, I am requesting your assistance in arranging the addition of an Atlanta area waste confidence hearing to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) schedule of hearings

Many of my constituents have concerns and opinions about nuclear power and nuclear waste storage and they deserve the opportunity to share their thoughts with the NRC. It is important to ensure that NRC officials meet in close proximity to affected citizens and the industry you regulate. Public input ensures transparency as the NRC carries out your duty to be a reliable regulator of the nuclear industry. I urge the NRC to hold a public hearing on waste confidence in Atlanta in October of this year.

Thank you for your consideration. This is a time-sensitive matter and I look forward to your timely response.

With best regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,



Henry C. "Hank" Johnson  
Member of Congress