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The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing today to make you aware of a number of concerns I have in regard to the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio.

The American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon is America's only commercial uranium enrichment facility to use U.S.-owned and operated centrifuge technology. As you know, on July 27, 2009, the United States Department of Energy (DOE) asked the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) to withdraw its application for a loan guarantee for the American Centrifuge Plant.

The DOE loan guarantee program is designed to cultivate the development of cutting-edge technologies which reduce emissions and are used for the first time in the United States. As companies introducing new and advanced technology to the United States typically struggle to find financial support in the commercial market, DOE's loan guarantee would have given the American Centrifuge Plant the jump start it needed to immediately employ up to 6,000 individuals while cutting emissions of carbon dioxide by approximately 10 million tons annually. I was very disappointed to learn of DOE's decision to reject USEC's application.

In addition to my disappointment in regard to USEC being denied the loan guarantee for this enrichment facility, I also wanted to bring to your attention a few matters involving the analysis of the American Centrifuge Plant's technology. I understand Parson Consulting, an independent consulting firm, was hired to complete a study to determine the viability of the technology at the enrichment facility. I have been made aware that DOE asked USEC to withdraw its application for the loan guarantee before Parson's final report was delivered to DOE. As the outcome of this study was intended to help DOE understand the readiness of the technology, I am concerned by DOE's hasty decision to deny USEC the loan guarantee before the department had time to thoroughly examine Parson's final analysis. In addition, I have been made aware that there have been several requests made to DOE for copies of Parson's final report. These inquiries were made over a month ago, and DOE has yet to provide the requested report or give any sort of response as to why such material has not been released.

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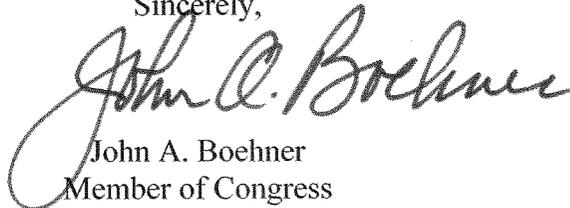
DOE has somehow concluded that the American Centrifuge Plant's technology in Piketon is not commercially ready, and therefore not yet qualified to receive DOE's loan guarantee. As this project and decision is extremely large and intricate, I cannot help but assume Parson's study should have largely contributed to DOE's decision to reject USEC's application for the loan guarantee at this time. In order to understand the reasons behind DOE's actions, I respectfully request you contact DOE to urge them to release Parson's independent analysis of the plant's technological capabilities.

In the meantime, DOE has promised to provide USEC with \$45 million over the next 18 months to support ongoing technology demonstration activities at the American Centrifuge Plant. As this monetary support would greatly aid the enrichment facility's ability to further their technology to possibly secure a loan guarantee in the future, I am pleased to have your support for DOE's promised funds to the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon.

Mr. President, I greatly appreciate the support you have declared for this project on numerous occasions. As you have said, energy programs that promote safe and environmentally-sound technologies and are domestically produced, such as the enrichment facility in Ohio, will have your full support. In addition, you also promised to work with the DOE to make the loan guarantee available for this project, which exemplifies all of the necessary and intended criteria for the loan guarantee. I wholeheartedly agree with your views on this matter and hope we can work together to make this priority a reality.

I look forward to your reply and appreciate your continued support for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John A. Boehner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John A. Boehner
Member of Congress