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Secretary Rick Perry
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Spent Fuel Transport Timeline

Dear Secretary Perry:

We write to you concerning the spent nuclear fuel currently stored at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) in San Diego, California. The plant was shut down in 2012 after testing showed the steam generator was leaking radiation. SONGS is operated by Southern California Edison (SCE) and is currently undergoing decommissioning.

Although the plant is no longer producing nuclear energy, its nuclear waste continues to pose a threat to 8.4 million people living within a 50-mile area of SONGS. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) estimates that a meltdown could result in 130,000 immediate deaths, 300,000 individuals contracting cancer and 60,000 birth defects. Pursuant to the 2017 Settlement between Citizens Oversight, Inc. and Southern California Edison, SCE will continue to maintain ownership of its spent fuel until it is transferred to an offsite storage facility. It is our understanding that the U.S. Department of Energy is responsible for the permanent storage and disposal of surplus nuclear materials and spent fuel.

As members of the State Legislature that represent Southern California, we ask that your Department approve another location and permanent storage of SONGS spent fuel to an alternative, offsite facility licensed by the NRC. We share a common goal in expeditiously reaching a safe and stable living environment, consistent with the priorities and needs of our community.

We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Energy provide us with a timeline regarding the removal, relocation, and storage of the SONGS spent fuel. It is our hope that, after SONGS has been decommissioned, the land which it occupies is restored to its original intent: ensuring public access to beaches and other open space.

Sincerely,

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