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Secretary Wright and Administrator Zeldin:

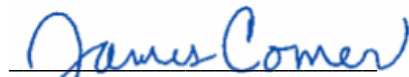
I am writing to bring your attention to the efforts of my constituents in Paducah, Kentucky, who are eager to facilitate the transfer of remediated land located within the former Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) to the local community. I have long supported their efforts to expedite cleanup with the goal of ultimately returning the land to the community for economic development.

In 2023, the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce was awarded a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) grant to conduct a study of the regional workforce capability and recommend strategies to capitalize on the existing regional workforce's specialized skillset. This grant, which I helped secure in federal appropriations legislation, allows the community to thoughtfully examine their strengths and maximize the marketability of their state-designated nuclear-ready community to potential developers.

At the same time, local economic development officials are fielding significant interest from private business in redeveloping this land. It has been conveyed to us that DOE and EPA officials expect the first land transfer of approximately 200 acres to be finalized later this year. I encourage you to maintain progress on this transfer and make every effort to prioritize and communicate the next steps to local officials and interested parties.

Once again, I urge you to examine strategies to expedite the transfer of land back to the residents of the Paducah area for the betterment of their community. Paducah officials and residents would be honored to host you for a visit to share progress on site cleanup and share their vision for the future of their community. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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