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The Honorable Albert V. Gore, Jr.
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President:

As you know, President Clinton signed legislation authorizing the privatization of the United States Enrichment Corporation on April 26, 1996. Currently, 1,700 employees represented by our union work at the enrichment facilities located in Portsmouth, Ohio, and Paducah, Kentucky.

The privatization could dramatically impact the workers at these facilities. The continued import into the country of materials derived from dismantled nuclear weapons from former Soviet States reduces the need for production at the existing facilities. There has been much activity within the Administration to address many issues surrounding the privatization. I understand the importance of the issues that continue to be discussed. However, there is great uncertainty of privatization's impact on our workers. In order to address this uncertainty, we are requesting that you initiate the privatization process in the near future, so that we can assess potential impacts and prepare for them. We owe this much to the workers that have been so productive at these facilities.

It is my understanding that USEC is prepared to release it's books, so that potential investors can determine whether they are interested in acquiring the corporation. Following release of the books, I understand that bidding conferences will be held and a document room will be set up for potential bidders to review proprietary information. Releasing the books will initiate the process and will reduce the uncertainty that continued delay will impose on the workers. Our union will also be able to devise a strategy that meets the needs of our workers.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request. In the near future, I would also like to discuss this matter with you further.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Wages
President

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