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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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Dear Secretary Bodman;

In December I sent a letter to the Department of Energy urging the agency to hold additional hearings so that the agency can directly hear the questions and concerns of the people of South Mississippi. In addition, I along with Senators Cochran and Wicker sent the department an additional letter asking them to hold more hearings. I would like to thank the Department of Energy for complying with this request and for taking the time to answer the questions and concerns from the people of South Mississippi.

The Department of Energy must do this project right or not do it at all. I will only support the project if the department draws the water used to hollow the dome from the Gulf of Mexico instead of the Leaf or Pascagoula Rivers. Also, the department must dispose of the brine well south of the barrier islands using the Naval Oceanographic Office at Stennis Space Center to determine the best method of brine disposal to avoid any harmful environmental impact occurring from this project in the Gulf of Mexico.

I support the creation of an additional Strategic Petroleum Reserve site in Richton, but it must be carried out with community input and minimal environmental impact. The people of Mississippi have a right to have their voices heard on such an important project that has the potential to impact so many. I cannot emphasize this strongly enough -- If these conditions are met I will support the project. However, I am letting it be known in advance, if the Department of Energy does not meet these conditions, I will not support any funding for this project.

Again, thank you for complying with the request to hold additional public hearings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gene Taylor

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Member of Congress