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Chairman Nils Diaz
US Nuclear Regulatory
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing to express my support for the planed National Enrichment Facility (NEF). This project and the many benefits that it will bring to the people of Lea County is very exciting.

By supporting the construction of this facility, I am, in reality, supporting the creation of 210 permanent jobs at the facility with annual payroll and benefits exceeding thirteen million dollars. I am also supporting the creation of 400 to 800 short term construction jobs that will provide an estimated payroll of $170 million dollars.

We need these jobs and we need to diversity our economy.

It is for this reason that I offer my backing for LES in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

Hector M. Ramirez
Commissioner, District 3

cc: Governor Bill Richardson
Secretary Ron Curry

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