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Dear Chairman Diaz,

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I am writing this letter to show my confidence in and support of the new gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility that will be built by the National Enrichment Facility (NEF). The residents of Lea County are most pleased and proud that their county was chosen for this new site.

The National Enrichment Facility will bring many positive outcomes to the communities in southeastern New Mexico. They are:

- Many new jobs
- Economic growth and diversification
- New construction

The residents of Lea County look forward to working together with the National Enrichment Facility to bring economic diversity, education and community growth to Lea County, NM.

Sincerely,

CC: Governor Bill Richardson

Secretary Ron Curry

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