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Chairman Nils Diaz
US Nuclear Regulatory
Office of Public Affairs
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Dear Chairman Diaz:

Our nation is beginning to recognize the folly of its dependence on foreign oil for our energy needs. However, we have yet to remove the roadblocks that prevent exploration and implementation of viable alternatives in the form of cheap, and clean nuclear power. We have also forced American power companies to pursue foreign sources of low-enriched uranium, thereby creating a dependence on foreign countries for even this material.

The establishment of a uranium enrichment facility near Eunice, New Mexico will help remove these hurdles; lessen our dependence on foreign energy sources, and is a step in the right direction for the nation's energy future.

Almost 20 percent of our energy comes from nuclear power, yet a domestic commercial source for the fuel that drives that power does not exist.

With the approval and construction of the National Enrichment Facility (NEF), we will allow American companies to purchase the fuel necessary for nuclear power production from a domestic source.

In doing so, we will keep more money within our borders and help our economy, rather than the economy of other nations.

I urge you to support the development of the NEF. It's the right thing to do for our nation.

Sincerely,



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