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Chairman Nils Diaz

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
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Dear Mr. Diaz,

I am writing this letter in support of the National Enrichment Facility (NEF) that is proposed to be built in Lea County.

As a business owner in Hobbs for over 25 years, I have witnessed many ups and downs in our economy due to our dependence on the oil and gas industry, which is our major source of employment. The potential employment possibilities due to the addition of the NEF would have a tremendous impact on our community by diversifying our local economy.

As a school board member and father of three children I have paid close attention to the information provided by NEF about the safety of the uranium enrichment facility. I feel very confident about the facts provided by NEF as well as the local community leaders who have traveled to the Amelo facility. All of those who made the trip have assured me, as well as the entire community, about the safety and cleanliness of this industry.

I appreciate the careful attention to the process that your organization provides. It gives me confidence in knowing how through the process is and making sure that this will be a good, safe, and clean industry that will benefit all of Lea County and the State of New Mexico. Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Paul Campbell
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