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Chairman Nils Diaz  
US Nuclear Regulatory  
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Dear Chairman Diaz,

I would like to express my support of The National Enrichment Facility proposed to be built in Eunice, New Mexico. As a Lea County Commissioner I have had the opportunity to become very familiar with this project and I feel very comfortable with the owners and investors. I was able to visit a similar Facility and I was impressed with all aspects of the operation. I have listed some of the benefits of the project as I see it on an accompanying page and I hope you will give the project your highest consideration. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Gary M. Schubert

The following is a list of reasons while I support the LES facility coming to New Mexico.

The establishment of the \$1.2 billion National Enrichment Facility (NEF) in Lea County, New Mexico will have a positive economic impact on the southeastern New Mexico and west Texas economics.

The introduction of the NEF will help to diversify the region's current economic base, which today relies primarily on the energy and extractive industries such as oil and gas production.

The project will create 400 to 800 short jobs for New Mexico construction workers.

Total payroll during construction is estimated to be \$170 million.

Annual facility operations will involve approximately 210 employees who will receive an estimated annual pay of \$10million and an estimated \$ 3.1 million in annual benefits.

The creation of 210 new jobs will also provide opportunities for new housing construction, provision of services, and education.

For the majority of positions, LES will provide employees with the necessary skills through classroom and on-the-job training.

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