

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

Dear Chairman Diaz,

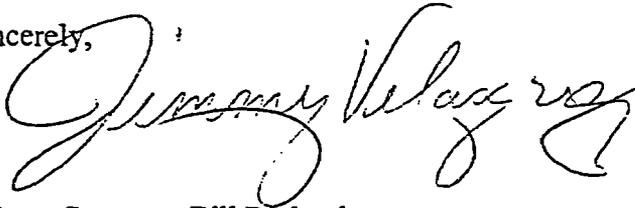
I am sending you this letter to show my support for the new gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility that will be built in southeastern New Mexico. The National Enrichment Facility (NEF) will be a domestic source of enriched uranium for the nation's commercial nuclear power plants.

This project will be of significant benefit to the residents of Lea County having a positive economic impact by:

- Providing new jobs
- New housing construction
- Education opportunities

The NEF will without a doubt benefit the local communities of southeastern New Mexico and be a source of pride for the state of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Richardson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "R".

CC: Governor Bill Richardson
Secretary Ron Curry