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

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing to express my continued support of the planned National Enrichment Facility (NEF).

I have recently had the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and am pleased that the NEF will have small impact on things such as land and air quality. I also look forward to the benefit to our local economy that NEF will bring.

I also read in the Draft EIS that the NEF will help to provide energy independence for America. As an American, I am concerned about our dependence upon foreign countries for our energy needs and as a citizen of Lea County, I am glad we have been chosen to help this cause.

I look forward to welcoming NEF as a permanent part of our community and encourage you to approve their license application quickly.

Thank you for such a thorough and informative Draft EIS. I look forward to reviewing the final one.

Sincerely,

*Donald Stephenson*

cc: Governor Bill Richardson  
Secretary Ron Curry  
New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid

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