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Dear Chairman Diaz:

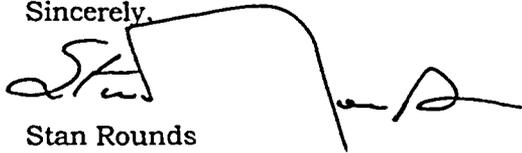
The Hobbs Municipal Schools is in strong support of Louisiana Energy Services application to obtain a license from the NRC to establish the National Enrichment Facility (NEF) in Eunice, New Mexico. We have reviewed the draft environmental impact findings and concur that there is little negative impact upon our community and our schools.

In fact, LES has shown its intent to be a substantial partner in education of our children and has stepped forward to be a partner in education in Lea County. Together, we will provide the necessary workforce to ensure the success of the placement of the NEF in Lea County.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is very positive for the NEF. We are pleased that the report found only minimal impact. More importantly, the NEF will have a positive socioeconomic impact on this region.

The Hobbs Municipal Schools fully supports the NEF and asks that you continue expedient progress in licensing the facility so that we, in Lea County, can begin to make the important plans for our future.

Sincerely,



Stan Rounds  
Superintendent

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Secretary Ron Curry  
New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid

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