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Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing to show my support for the National Enrichment Facility. I appreciate the opportunity we in Lea County have to welcome a new energy industry into this region.

After reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, I am especially glad that the EIS found that the entire NEF process from construction, operation and decommissioning will have only a small impact on ecological resources. I am also glad that land use and air quality will not be adversely affected. That the NEF will bring a positive socioeconomic impact, particularly with respect to jobs and revenue added to the local economy, is cause to celebrate!

According to the Draft EIS, "The NRC staff recommends that, unless safety issues mandate otherwise, the proposed license be issued to LES." I completely agree. The LES has shown itself to be a good corporate citizen by contributing to local organizations that benefit the people of Lea County as well as always keeping us informed and educated about the process. The Draft EIS just confirms that the NEF really is a safe and environmentally sound project.

I urge the NRC to grant LES their license so that we in Lea County can continue planning our future with the NEF in it!

Sincerely,



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