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Chairman Nils Diaz
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Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed National Enrichment Facility in Eunice, New Mexico.

I am a native of Eunice, New Mexico living most of my life here and continuing to raise my family in Lea County. My children having grown up as military dependents with the lifestyle that implies made it known to me they wanted to settle in Eunice. Here they experience the love of their relatives and neighbors. The close contact and care provided by our local educators as well as a feeling of security and well being that comes from living in a small community is paramount. Through their lifetime experiences they have developed a broad view of the world and now support the work and efforts of LES in its endeavors to bring the licensing for the National Enrichment Facility. As a family we have encouraged the expeditious licensing process and are pleased with the progress thus far. We have been extremely pleased with the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and feel that NEF will bring our community long needed changes as well as economic and social stability. Each of us feels secure in supporting the National Enrichment Facility.

I was afforded the opportunity to recently visit the Urenco site in Almelo, Nederland B.V. I was impressed with the professionalism of its employees and marveled at the high standards of which Urenco adheres to in the area of safety as well as the exceptional quality of technical equipment and procedures implemented at this plant. I personally believe that not only would NEF be an asset to our community, but its impact would be felt nationally and internationally. NEF would set the standard for future industry in Lea County.

Approval and licensing of LES/NEF would heighten the prospect of economic, educational, and social growth that would revitalize this area giving us hope for a brighter future. We are proud to be a part of the production of fossil fuels through our oil and gas industry. Unfortunately, its lifetime appears to be limited. While we research and develop other fuel and energy sources, NEF would be in place for the more immediate demands as well as embracing the demands of the future.

On behalf of my family and myself, I urge you to continue to move quickly forward with the licensing process for the National Enrichment Facility. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

With warm regards,

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