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Mr. Todd Atkinson Legislative Assistant Office of Senator Barack Obama United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Atkinson: John

Thank you for taking the time to meet and discuss the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) budget request for Fiscal Year 2007. I appreciate your interest in the resources needed for NRC's anticipated increased workload and the related aggressive hiring goals. The NRC will now be able to move ahead with all needed activities to accommodate these new challenges as well as to continue our mission to protect public health and safety.

If we can assist you in your work, please contact me at 301-415-1776. We look forward to working with you as this session continues.

Sincerely,

Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director Office of Congressional Affairs

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