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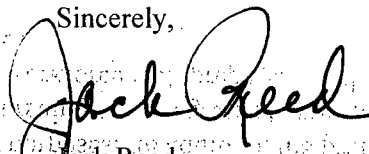
Dear Dr. Klein:

I am writing in support of the University of Rhode Island's proposal to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Education Grant Program entitled: *Nuclear Engineering Education Program for Rhode Island (NEEPRI)*, reference number EDU08-113. Working in collaboration with the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center (RINSC), the NEEPRI program will create a nuclear engineering education program at the University of Rhode Island. The program will enable students to develop a specialty in nuclear engineering while pursuing their degree in an ABET accredited engineering program at URI.

As outlined in the proposal, the NEEPRI program will provide a path to educating current engineering students majoring in mechanical, chemical, civil, and electrical engineering to complete a modern and relevant minor in nuclear engineering. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be prepared for careers in the nuclear industry or to pursue a graduate degree in nuclear engineering. Existing RINSC facilities that include a research reactor, and a renovated nuclear engineering laboratory and classroom would be utilized for training purposes. In addition, the proposed course would be made available to qualified engineering students pursuing their degrees at other Rhode Island institutions, further contributing to the development of a workforce well prepared for the needs of the nuclear industry, and research and regulatory agencies.

I offer my support to this proposal which offers increased educational and career opportunities for Rhode Island students and develops our workforce to meet the needs of the future. I commend this project to you and request your consideration within the applicable rules and regulations. If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Albert of my Providence Office at 401-528-5200.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Reed  
United States Senator