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Dear Dr. Ryan:

On behalf of the Commission, I want to thank you for your participation on the Independent External Review Panel to Identify Vulnerabilities in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Materials Licensing Program. The Panel greatly benefitted from your insight as a former licensee and your experience with radioactive materials. The end result was a thoughtful, well-reasoned report that was prepared in a very short period of time. The Commission sincerely appreciates the Panel's efforts in performing a comprehensive review of the NRC's materials licensing program and providing recommendations that will improve the security of radioactive materials.

Sincerely,

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Dale E. Klein

cc: Thomas E. Hill, Panel Chair
Benjamin W. Nerud, Panel Member