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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of MEA, please accept the following comments on the important topic of waste confidence and its relationship to continued nuclear plant licensing and operations.

Nuclear energy is an integral part of a national energy plan. It generates 98% of the carbon-free electricity produced in our state, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Nuclear energy facilities also provide substantial economic benefits to the state and local community, including high-paying jobs and tax revenue that helps keep town services funded and property taxes are much lower than they otherwise would be.

In fact, nuclear industry jobs pay substantially higher salaries than other jobs in the communities where nuclear power plants are located. On average, a nuclear energy facility generates \$470 million in economic output.

As you are aware, the president appointed a commission to examine nuclear waste management issues. The report suggested finding two or three alternative sites using a consent-based process. It is MEA's understanding that legislation is pending in the Senate to begin the process of selecting alternative sites.

We believe we have the technology to develop a geologic repository for spent nuclear fuel, and we have the money to do so. The only thing blocking the United States from building a geologic repository is political decision-making.

The United States was the first country to develop commercial nuclear power plants, and we have the largest nuclear program in the world—100 reactors, with five more under construction.

Having once been a leader in this technology, the United States is at risk of losing our competitive edge—and our nation's credibility among other nuclear powers.

Nuclear energy plays a vital role in meeting our nation's electricity needs, protecting the environment, and preserving the fuel and technology diversity that is the strength of the U.S. electricity supply system.

On behalf of the MEA, we implore you to take the steps necessary to ensure the United States does not lose its competitive edge.

Respectfully,

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