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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

May 30, 2014

Via Email (david.decker@nrc.gov)

The Honorable Allison M. Macfarlane
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Macfarlane:

We invite you to testify at a hearing titled "Securing Radiological Materials: Examining the Threat Next Door" before the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 10 a.m. in SD-342 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Over the past 13 years, Congress and federal agencies have worked to enhance the nation's ability to detect, prevent and respond to catastrophic terrorist events. Part of this process requires anticipating emerging terrorist threats. To this end, the Committee continues to examine the threat to the nation posed by terrorists seeking to detonate explosives designed to disperse radiological material or "dirty bombs" within the U.S.'s borders. In 2012, the Oversight of Government Management subcommittee of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee investigated the security of radiological material in medical facilities that could be used to construct a dirty bomb. As a follow up to that investigation, the Committee will hold a hearing analyzing the adequacy of the security measures for radiological sources used in industrial and commercial applications. The Committee will use this hearing to assess the efforts of various government agencies to safeguard industrial radiological material that if acquired by terrorists could be used to develop a dirty bomb. We ask that your testimony focus on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's role in safeguarding industrial radiological sources from terrorist theft or sabotage.

The committee requests that you summarize your testimony in 5 minutes or less, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for you to engage in questions and answers with members of the committee. Committee rules require that your testimony be submitted by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. Please send your written statement and a brief biography via email to the committee's chief clerk, Laura Kilbride, at laura_kilbride@hsgac.senate.gov. If you will be using a shorter statement to give your oral testimony, we ask that you supply a copy of that statement to the committee before the hearing as well.

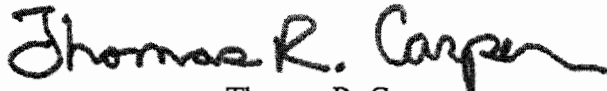
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We look forward to your participation in this hearing. If you have any questions, please contact Harlan Geer with the majority staff at 202-224-2627 or William McKenna with the minority staff at 202-224-4751.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Carper
Chairman



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David, I have attached the invitation for Hon. Allison M. Macfarlane to testify before the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 10 a.m. at a hearing titled "Securing Radiological Materials: Examining the Threat Next Door." The original letter is in the mail.

Please email the witness's (1) biography as soon as possible and (2) prepared statement by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, which I will circulate to committee members and staff. There is no page limit for prepared statements. However, for oral testimony, please summarize the statement in 5 minutes or less.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Lauren Corcoran
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