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The Honorable Jacob J. Lew
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office of the President
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Subject: 2011 Funding for Integrated University Program at DOE and NRC

Enclosure: Letter dated June 29, 2011

Dear Mr. Lew:

We, the below signed members of the Nuclear Issues Working Group, represent a broad coalition of members of the United States House of Representatives. We are writing to you to register our strong support for the enclosed letter.

The Integrated University Program is a vital pipeline in developing the highly skilled technical experts needed in the fields of nuclear science, engineering and technology. These important fields are vital to the nuclear power industry, nuclear medicine, defense activities, environmental cleanup, NRC permitting, space exploration, food processing, non-proliferation and numerous other societal needs. We are concerned that our failure to provide this relatively small investment will diminish our international competitiveness in these rapidly evolving fields.

Because the universities involved need to provide funding to students in the upcoming fall semester and students need to plan their finances, it is imperative that you act quickly to maintain continuity in this program until FY2012, where the House bill provides continued funding.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

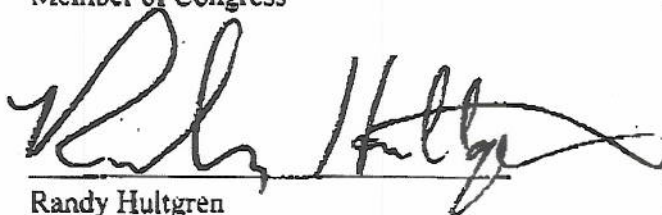
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June 29, 2011

The Honorable Jacob J. Lew
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Subject: 2011 Funding for Integrated University Program at DOE and NRC

Dear Mr. Lew:

We are writing to urge you to restore FY 2011 funding for nuclear science and engineering programs provided by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) through the Integrated University Program (IUP) and to fully fund the program in the Administration's 2013 budget request. The funding for these disciplines is not duplicated anywhere else in the federal government.

The President has repeatedly stressed his support for nuclear energy and technical and engineering education. However, the Administration's FY 2011 spending plan requested by Congress when H.R. 1, the Continuing Resolution, was passed earlier this year omitted critical funding to support nuclear engineering, science and technology education provided through DOE and NRC under the Integrated University Program. We understand both agencies proposed funding to be continued in FY 2011 but that request was rejected by the staff at OMB. On behalf of our members, we request that you rescind your guidance to Congress and instead restore \$5 million for the DOE program and \$15 million for the NRC program in FY 2011. In addition, we request that you support full funding for the Integrated University Program in the FY 2013 budget request, currently being formulated by the relevant agencies, and in future years' budget requests.

Earlier this month, President Obama announced "an all-hands-on-deck strategy to train 10,000 new American engineers every year." And last week, the President "set a goal that by the end of this decade, we are going to once again lead the world in producing college graduates. To achieve that, we're making college more affordable and we're investing in community colleges."

Further, Congress continues to reaffirm its support for nuclear science and technology education. In 2009, Congress authorized¹ \$45 million per year for the Integrated University Program from 2009-2019, to be split among the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration to support nuclear science and engineering programs.

In light of these repeated commitments and unambiguous Congressional direction, we are deeply concerned with the Administration's decision to de-fund DOE and NRC in FY 2011 for the Integrated University Program. The scholarships and fellowships available through these programs provide critical financial support to hundreds of students at community colleges and universities as they pursue technical degrees in nuclear engineering, health physics, and nuclear technology.

The Integrated University Program is vital to ensuring the United States maintains a highly educated workforce and its leadership position in research in nuclear science and technology, ensuring safe operations at nuclear facilities, including the nuclear power plants that produce 20 percent of our nation's electricity supply, and safeguarding the American public from proliferation. The primary beneficiary of the IUP program is in fact the federal government which is the largest "consumer" of nuclear science and engineering talent in the U.S. Agencies like DOE, NNSA, NRC, the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, as well as our national laboratories, all require a steady influx of well-trained U.S. nuclear scientists. Across the nuclear sector, there is an aging workforce that must be replaced. This requires a robust engineering and science education system to train the next generation of engineers and technicians.

Stable and predictable funding to attract students, develop faculty, supply laboratories and conduct research is vital to maintaining this education system. The wild fluctuations in federal funding for U.S. nuclear science and engineering education have contributed to the closure of many academic departments and research reactors.

The Integrated University Program is the primary source of funding for nuclear engineering and technology programs. This funding must continue to ensure the United States has a nuclear education system. If the grants from the Integrated University Program are eliminated this year, the United States will face heightened long-term challenges in finding enough qualified workers in the decades ahead.

¹ P.L. 111-8, Division C, General Provisions, Section 313.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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