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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

I am writing in support of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's proposal to produce a generic environmental impact statement (GEIS) for small-scale advanced nuclear reactors. This action directly supports the NRC's primary mission to protect the public health and safety, by ensuring that clean, emission-free power plants can be effectively evaluated and brought online.

There are many reasons in support of this, but I would like to highlight one reason based on my background as political scientist and a student of public administration:

Regulation needs to be efficient and must not create undue burdens that could prevent activities that otherwise would take place and offer no concern to the public.

Traditionally, regulation of nuclear power has been extremely expensive. So expensive that even Gigawatt-size powerplants are shutting down, making space in the market for polluting and killing fossil-fuel-burning powerplants.

To apply the same standard for much smaller plants would end an exciting technology development that, right now, shows American leadership and has the potential of addressing extremely pressing problems of mankind, namely: energy poverty in many regions in the world, environmental destruction around the globe due to pollution and climate change, and a waste of natural resources and habitats in the name of the development of renewable energies. NRC's regulatory powers must be used to protect the public and the environment, but not to pose undue obstacles to particular technologies in the marketplace.

Thank you for continuing to ensure health and safety, in particular by enabling efficient review of clean power plants.

Sincerely,  
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