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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 22, 2026

The Honorable Rand Paul
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Paul:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am submitting this letter as the NRC's annual report related to the protection of whistleblowers required by the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018" (Public Law 115-91) (the Act). The Act requires agencies to incorporate the protection of whistleblowers into job requirements and performance standards of supervisory employees. Thereafter, each agency is to report annually to Congress the number of supervisors who failed to meet these critical standards, the reasons for the determination that they failed, and what performance-based or corrective actions were taken by the agency in response.

Beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2022 and in each subsequent year, whistleblower language has been included in supervisory performance appraisals. The NRC had no confirmed violations of the Act during our last performance cycle of FY 2025.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at 301-415-1776.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ho K. Nieh". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Ho K. Nieh

cc: Senator Gary C. Peters

Identical letter sent to:

The Honorable Rand Paul
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cc: Senator Gary C. Peters

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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman, Committee on Environment
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
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The Honorable Cynthia Lummis
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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
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