

April 18, 2016
The Honorable James M. Inhofe
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara L. Boxer
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Cory A. Booker
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
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The Honorable Mike Crapo
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
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Dear Chairman Inhofe, Ranking Member Boxer, and Senators Booker, Whitehouse, and Crapo:

I am writing in support of S. 2795, the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act.

As an environmental philanthropist who believes that full access to reliable energy is essential for human wellbeing, I have long been interested in how the United States can accelerate the development and deployment of clean energy technologies necessary to power the modern world.

The innovative technologies addressed in this bill offer the hope of providing cleaner, cheaper and more abundant forms of energy to power our homes, businesses, hospitals and schools, and to help countries around the world lift their citizens out of poverty.

S. 2795 is the most promising act of Congress I have seen on these issues. If passed, it would begin the process of clearing a pathway for the entrepreneurs and start-up companies with new ideas and new technologies for meeting domestic and global energy needs, who have previously been thwarted by licensing and bureaucratic roadblocks.

The U.S. still trains the brightest nuclear engineers and has an unparalleled wealth of expertise and ability housed in our universities and national labs. This bill would allow us to maintain our global leadership in nuclear energy by harnessing our unique national assets to provide better alternatives for powering the world.

I am heartened that in a time of such political gridlock members from both sides of the aisle have come together on an issue so central to securing a healthy, safe future for the United States and people across the globe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Pritzker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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