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Committee on Environment & Public Works
United States Senate
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Ranking Member Barbara Boxer
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Dear Chairman Inhofe and Ranking Member Boxer,

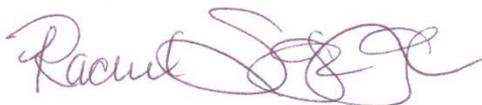
We, the faculty of UC Berkeley's Nuclear Engineering Department, are writing in support of the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (S. 2795), recently introduced by Senators Inhofe, Whitehouse, Booker and Crapo. This bill would take several steps to address hurdles to licensing new nuclear technology.

We believe that restructuring the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's budget and fees to help ensure appropriate support of new design licensing is very important for the future of nuclear. Creating a licensing process that improves communication, including feedback throughout the process, will be very important for financing activities of new reactors. Eliminating the need for hearings on uncontested issues will save time and money, which is valuable for both ratepayers and taxpayers.

As a leader in advanced reactor design, we believe that this legislation would help facilitate the next generation of nuclear power. Many of our students are interested in this type of work and want to pursue it after graduation.

The Nuclear Engineering Department faculty at UC Berkeley appreciates your interest and proactive involvement in this important issue.

Sincerely,



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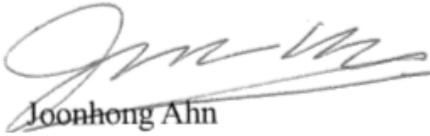
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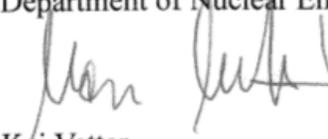
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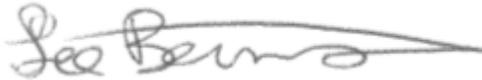
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