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The Honorable James Inhofe
Chairman, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
205 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-3603

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Inhofe and Ranking Member Boxer,

As CEO and co-founder of Transatomic Power Corporation, I am writing to thank you for this opportunity to express our support for the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act. Transatomic Power counts among our nation's approximately forty advanced, non-light water nuclear reactor firms that are currently in the design and development phases, and to date, we are entirely supported by private capital. Transatomic seeks to engage with American universities, National Laboratories, and the U.S. Department of Energy to push the frontier of scientific discovery, foster a sustainable energy supply, and maintain U.S. leadership in nuclear technology applications.

We have expressed to your Committee, to other Committees, and in public fora that among our greatest challenges in developing advanced nuclear technology is the lack of a pathway to navigate the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's licensing process. This bill enables the formation of just such a pathway, in addition to a fee schedule revision that makes it possible for a startup to afford engaging with the NRC. Further, the DOE Cost-Share Grant Program will ensure that experts from the Department and its Labs remain fully engaged with the advanced nuclear community. Overall, the bill lays the groundwork for nuclear energy to flourish in the United States.

We at Transatomic Power thank you for your dedication to the American nuclear industry and for your continued service to the nation. We are proud to be among your many supporters in this larger effort to achieve sustainable American energy independence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leslie Dewan".

Dr. Leslie Dewan
Chief Executive Officer
Transatomic Power Corporation

cc: The Honorable Cory Booker
The Honorable Michael Crapo
The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse