



March 17, 2017

Chairman John Barrasso  
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Tom Carper  
513 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

I am writing to let you know of our strong support for your recently introduced bill, S.512, the Nuclear Energy and Innovation Modernization Act (NEIMA).

Your bill stresses the need for innovation if the USA is to play a strong role in the future of nuclear energy. It also emphasizes the importance for NRC timely involvement and adjudication of regulatory issues, if there is to be innovation in this industry, be it advanced reactors or the role of new materials in LWRs. Finally, it also points out the important role the NRC plays in stimulating, or delaying innovation. It also emphasizes the importance of lowering the regulatory costs of bringing new nuclear technologies to the market.

We strongly agree with your legislation's premises, and hope other congressional committees will follow your lead and move to advance the issues important for nuclear energy innovation that are under their jurisdiction.

We really appreciate your Committee's leadership in these important issues and thank you for it. We look forward to working with you as this bill moves toward enactment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Quintenz".

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