April 19, 2016

The Honorable James Inhofe, Chairman  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara Boxer, Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Inhofe and Ranking Member Boxer:

On behalf of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), I write you in support of the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (S. 2795). This legislation will strengthen and streamline the regulation of nuclear power plants in the United States and support development of advanced nuclear technologies.

In order to achieve the emission reductions necessary to avoid the worst potential consequences of climate change, it is crucial to obtain increasing quantities of electric power from zero-emission sources. Nuclear power is the largest source of zero-emission power in the United States, and it provides stable and steady baseload power, which helps ensure electric grid reliability. As the United States considers options for a low-carbon future, it is critical we develop advanced nuclear technologies as well as maintain the current fleet of nuclear reactors.

I commend this effort to improve the regulatory framework of nuclear power and look forward to working with you to address our energy and environmental challenges.

Sincerely,

Bob Perciasepe  
President
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    Senator Crapo
    Senator Whitehouse