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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. KELLY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Build Nuclear with Local Materials Act of 2026''.

SEC. 2. USE OF COMMERCIAL-GRADE STEEL AND CONCRETE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (referred to in this section as the ''Commission'') shall initiate a rulemaking that authorizes the use of commercial-grade steel and concrete in non-safety-related structures at nuclear power plants, unless, subject to subsection (b), the Commission determines that stricter material standards are necessary to address a specific safety risk.

(b) DETERMINATION.—The Commission may make a determination under subsection (a) that stricter material standards are necessary to address a specific safety risk if the Commission determines that not using a stricter material standard would be contrary to the common defense and security and adequate protection of the public health and safety (within the meaning of section 182 a. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2232(a))).