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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chair
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Rodgers and Ranking Member Pallone,

I write to commend the House Energy and Commerce Committee for taking steps to enhance the domestic nuclear fuel cycle and alleviate the national security issues associated with dependence on Russian nuclear fuel imports.

The U.S. commercial nuclear industry is committed to eliminating the import of uranium and related conversion and enrichment services from the Russian Federation. Our industry will continue to work with the U.S. government to establish a secure supply of nuclear fuel conversion and enrichment capabilities so we can move away from Russian fuel imports as expeditiously as possible without placing the U.S. nuclear fleet and new-reactor deployment at risk.

In addition to several proposals in the draft legislation, we encourage Congress and the Administration to explore the feasibility of redirecting a portion of the unexpended funds authorized through the Civil Nuclear Credit Program to support domestic conversion and enrichment expansion capabilities.

Nuclear energy is an essential element of U.S. infrastructure, providing nearly 20 percent of the U.S. electricity generation and half of our carbon-free generation. If U.S. operators are not able to acquire fuel, there will be significant negative impacts on affordability, reliability, and air quality for millions of Americans. It will also significantly impede our ability to reach our carbon-reduction goals.

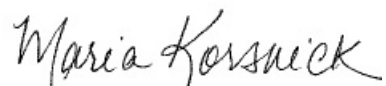
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Establishment of a secure fuel supply will allow the U.S. and our allies to make continued progress toward climate and energy security goals through the maintenance of existing reactors and the build-out of new reactors using U.S. technology.

We look forward to continuing to work with Congress on a workable solution to developing a competitive domestic fuel supply to strengthen our energy security.

Thank you very much.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Korsnick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maria Korsnick

c: The Honorable Jeff Duncan, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Bill Johnson, U.S. House of Representatives