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The Honorable Robert E. Latta
Energy and Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry McNerney
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Dear Congressmen Latta and McNerney:

I am writing on behalf of the Clean Air Task Force to express support for HR.4979, the “Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016.”

Clean Air Task Force (CATF) is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to catalyzing the development and deployment of low emission energy technologies through research and analysis, public advocacy leadership, and partnership with the private sector.

Climate change is an enormous challenge. To have the greatest chance of success, CATF’s position is that we will likely need all of the low-carbon energy technologies available, including nuclear power. Therefore, Clean Air Task Force strongly supports HR.4979 in its efforts to enable the efficient licensing and commercialization of advanced nuclear technologies. Section 5, which directs the Secretary to report to Congress on the potential for the Department of Energy to facilitate the testing and demonstration of advanced reactors on Department land is of great importance.

HR.4979 has the potential to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and to accelerate the advancement of important technologies for addressing climate change. CATF supports this legislation and we appreciate your leadership in moving this important work forward.

It will be critically important that adequate appropriations are made to ensure that the NRC can undertake the activities described in Section 6, “Advanced Reactor Regulatory Framework,” and to ensure that the NRC can effectively perform its oversight role.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-733-5458 or afinan@catf.us.

Best Regards,



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