

April 28, 2016

The Honorable Bob Latta  
2448 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Latta:

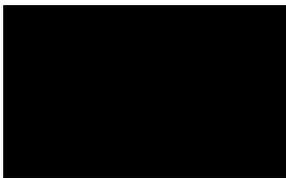
I am writing to voice support for your recently-introduced legislation, H.R. 4979, the Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016. Third Way strongly supports advanced nuclear technologies and is working to provide a viable path towards commercialization, as well as to ensure that the United States remains a global leader in nuclear innovation.

To do this, U.S. policy must provide a viable path to commercialization for advanced nuclear technologies with enhanced performance, safety, and economic characteristics. The current structure of certain processes at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), however, may actually act as a deterrent to safe and economical operation and advancement of nuclear technology.

While innovation in the private sector has grown rapidly over the past several years, regulatory uncertainty at the NRC is hampering long-term investment. The current licensing process was developed for a previous generation of technology and is ill-equipped for advanced reactors. Your bill would require the NRC to report on how they could best provide a pathway for advanced reactor licensing in a way that is consistent with the agency's role in protecting public health and safety, as well as security and the common defense.

We applaud your introduction of H.R. 4979 and hope it moves quickly through the Committee. The United States government plays a vital role in the future of the advanced nuclear sector and this bill establishes the regulatory certainty the industry needs to succeed.

Sincerely,



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