

April 20, 2016

The Honorable Jerry McNerney
2265 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman McNerney,

We, the faculty of UC Berkeley's Nuclear Engineering Department, are writing in support of the Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act (H.R. 4979). This bill would take several steps to address hurdles to licensing new nuclear technology.

We believe that restructuring the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's budget and fees to help ensure appropriate support of new design licensing is very important for the future of nuclear. Creating a licensing process that improves communication, including feedback throughout the process, will be very important for financing activities of new reactors. Eliminating the need for hearings on uncontested issues will save time and money, which is valuable for both ratepayers and taxpayers.


As the only nuclear engineering program in the University of California system, we have a special responsibility to serve California students who have interests in nuclear technologies. We believe that this legislation will help facilitate the innovation needed to develop the next generation of advanced nuclear power. Many of our students are interested in this type of work and want to pursue it after graduation.

The Nuclear Engineering Department faculty at UC Berkeley appreciates your interest and proactive involvement in this important issue.

Sincerely,



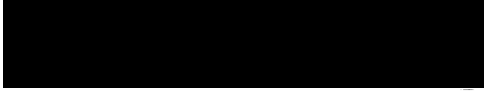
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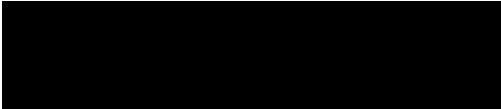
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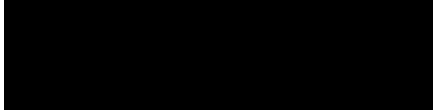
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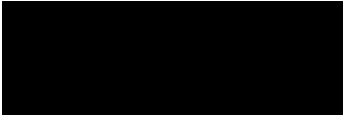
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