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Dear NDAA Conferees:

As former members of the Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise (known as Augustine-Mies), we are writing to urge you to remove the language found in Section 3111 of the Senate-passed National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019 that would have detrimental effects on ensuring the efficient management of the Nation's nuclear security enterprise.

As you are aware, Section 3166 of the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act established the Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise and tasked the Panel to offer recommendations with respect to the most appropriate governance structure, mission, and management of the nuclear security enterprise. After *18 months of detailed study*, the Panel concluded that the Secretary's leadership over the nuclear security missions should, in fact, be *strengthened* to revive Cabinet-level leadership of nuclear security programs, and we recommended reforming the underlying statutory authorities to more fully integrate the NNSA into DOE.

Unfortunately, the language found in Section 3111 would transfer and delegate a majority of the Secretary's authorities and limit his ability to fully supervise and manage the nuclear security enterprise, effectively doing exactly the opposite of what was recommended to DOE and the Congress by Augustine-Mies. Because of this, it is our view that the provisions of Section 3111 are detrimental to the authorities of the Secretary of Energy and therefore to the Nation's nuclear security enterprise.

As such, we strongly encourage the conference committee to reject the language in Section 3111. Allowing the language to remain would disrupt the management of the Nation's nuclear security assets, notably in a global political climate where ensuring our nuclear enterprise is of paramount importance. It is imperative that a management structure remains in place that allows the present and future Secretaries of Energy to fulfill their obligations to Congress and to the American people to effectively manage DOE's national security assets.

Sincerely,



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