

July 5, 2018

The Honorable Bill Johnson
1710 Longworth HOB
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Congressman Johnson,

I write on behalf of the over 11,000 men and women of the American Nuclear Society to express our support for The Advancing U.S. Civil Nuclear Competitiveness and Jobs Act.

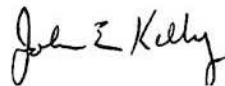
We applaud the inclusion of language allowing the Secretary of Energy to delegate approval under 10 CFR Part 810. This would significantly reduce regulatory burden for comparatively minor licensing activities that pose no national security or proliferation risks and increase competitiveness for U.S. companies in the global market.

ANS also supports the creation of an expedited process for consideration of low-proliferation-risk reactor technology under 10 CFR Part 810. We believe this is an important step in ensuring that exports of U.S. civil nuclear technology are evaluated commensurately with their risk, and not automatically subjected to the unnecessary delay of an overly-burdensome decision-making process.

Historically, the U.S. has led the world in nuclear energy technology, and this involvement has been central to U.S. influence in global nuclear safety, security, and nonproliferation norms. However, several other nations, notably Russia and China, are moving aggressively to expand their hold on global nuclear plant construction. In this new environment, it is critically important that the federal government ensure continued U.S. competitiveness by providing a timely approval process for U.S. exports of civilian nuclear technologies. The Advancing U.S. Civil Nuclear Competitiveness and Jobs Act takes an important step in that direction.

If you have any questions, please contact Craig Piercy, ANS Washington Representative, at 202 470 1928 or cpiercy@ans.org.

Sincerely,



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CC: House Committee on Energy & Commerce