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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chair, House Energy and Commerce
Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member, House Energy and
Commerce Committee
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman McMorris Rodgers and Ranking Member Pallone,

On behalf of the Uranium Producers of America (UPA), I write to express our support for the “Prohibiting Russian Uranium Imports Act,” which your committee is set to consider during a legislative hearing on February 7. This legislation will help stop the funding of Russia’s war in Ukraine with U.S. dollar purchases of nuclear fuel, protect our national and energy security, and take critical steps towards reestablishing American nuclear fuel cycle capabilities.

It is long past time to ban uranium imports from Russia, just as the United States has already done with Russian oil, gas, and coal. For too long we have been funding Ukraine’s defense with one hand, and Russian aggression through our nuclear fuel purchases with the other. Russia’s state nuclear power company, Rosatom, benefits from hundreds of millions of U.S. dollars in nuclear fuel purchases annually. By continuing to rely on Russian nuclear fuel, we are directly subsidizing the Putin regime and the continued devastation in eastern Europe.

In addition to cutting off another U.S. financial spigot for Russia, banning Russian uranium imports will help create the long-term market conditions necessary for U.S. uranium producers to make investments across the nuclear fuel cycle. The legislation’s redirection of unspent and unneeded Civil Nuclear Credit Program dollars towards the nuclear fuel supply chain is a common-sense measure to start securing our nuclear power needs now and well into the future. U.S. policymakers must recognize and address the fact that our global competitors, namely China and Russia, treat their nuclear fuel cycle capabilities as strategic assets and deploy them to achieve geopolitical objectives. Restoring America’s global nuclear energy leadership is crucial for U.S. security.

We urge the Committee to move with urgency in considering the “Prohibiting Russian Uranium Imports Act.” Thank you for considering this important and timely legislation and we look forward to working with you as the bill makes its way through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

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