

**Thank you... Chairman PALLONE.**

**Finding a solution to managing the disposal of spent nuclear fuel has been a top priority of mine for years...particularly as my district's utility, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, is one of the many across the country forced to play host to this dangerous radioactive material long after they committed to do so.**

**I think we all agree that this stalemate is unsustainable. The best and most pragmatic path forward involves a consolidated interim storage program that will engage with affected states and local governments through a consent-based process.**

**That is why I have introduced the STORE Nuclear Fuel Act...which puts forward a plan that has historically garnered broad support.**

**The federal government has reneged on its promise to our constituents...a consolidated interim storage approach will allow the over 120 communities across the country to redevelop nuclear reactor sites that for many have been decommissioned for years.**

**I believe this is one of the greatest energy challenges of our time. We cannot afford to play politics any longer. I am grateful to the Committee for bringing my bill up for discussion today.**

**Thank you and I yield back.**