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Dr. Ray Orbach  
Under Secretary for Science  
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1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Dr. Orbach,

With this letter, the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee is conveying and endorsing the Report of the NCSX Review Committee.

The report highlights the physics importance of quasi-axisymmetry to the world stellarator program, and the importance of stellarator research to fusion. It also notes that no other US stellarator experimental program, present or planned, could provide the breadth of scientific and technical information that is expected to come from NCSX.

We are grateful to Prof. Richard Hazeltine (panel chair) and the panel for so successfully tackling a difficult task in an extremely short period of time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stewart C. Prager".

Stewart C. Prager  
Chair, Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

Enclosure

Cc: Dr. R. Fonck  
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