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Chairman Nils Diaz
US Nuclear Regulatory
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Diaz,

I am writing you today in support of Louisiana Energy Services (LES) license application to build and operate the National Enrichment Facility (NEF) in Lea County, New Mexico.

I too am concerned about the safety of our community and our state, which is why I jumped at the opportunity to visit the European parent company of LES, to speak with the plant's employees, administrators, and with the townspeople.

Last summer I had the privilege to travel with a delegation to Almelo, Netherlands and tour the Urenco facility there. What I found at Urenco was a safe and clean facility.

I feel confident that the NEF will diversify our economy and bring benefits to Eunice, Lea County and our nation while safeguarding my friends, family, and our environment.

LES, like Urenco, has a commitment to keeping residents safe and informed. Take it from someone who has seen the benefits first hand, LES will be good for Lea County.

Sincerely,

Ross Black
Lea County Commissioner



Cc: Governor Bill Richardson
Secretary Ron Curry

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