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Chairman Nils Diaz  
US Nuclear Regulatory  
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Dear Chairman Diaz,

As a City Commissioner and School Board member, I totally support the National Enrichment Facility (NEF) coming to Lea County.

I have lived in Lea County for 34 years. I worked in the Hobbs School system as a teacher and administrator.

I was elected to the Hobbs School Board in February 2003 and to the Hobbs City Commission in 1994. I also served as Mayor for the city of Hobbs from 1998-2000.

As an elected official and long time resident I can see the many benefits NEF will bring to our community. I am elected so that the citizens will be able to lead fruitful lives by providing for their families.

Every elected official's platform is economic development. Along with this platform goes the education of our children.

We foresee other companies which will come as a result of NEF. This again will provide the jobs for our citizens and also keep our young people in Hobbs.

I can see nothing but positive for community and our citizens with NEF locating in Lea County.

Sincerely,

Joe Calderon  
Hobbs City Commissioner

Cc: Governor Bill Richardson  
Secretary Ron Curry

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