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Dear Chairman Diaz,

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I am taking this opportunity to provide my support of the new National Enrichment Facility (NEF) to be built in Lea County, NM. Louisiana Energy Services (LES) has proven to be supportive of Lea County and LES will provide many jobs and opportunities for the citizens of Lea County.

The NEF will use the world's most advanced, energy efficient and cost-effective uranium enrichment technology, a technology that has been in use for over 30 years, and will provide a clean and safe working environment.

The establishment of the NEF will have a positive impact on the community providing benefits such as:

- Construction opportunities
- New jobs
- An estimated annual pay of \$10M
- \$3.1M in annual benefits

The people of Lea County care deeply about their future and I think you will agree that this new facility will have a positive impact on Lea County as well as the State of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

*Thickie York*  
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CC: Governor Bill Richardson  
Secretary Ron Curry

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