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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

January 9, 2017

The Honorable Maggie Hassan  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hassan:

I write on behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to congratulate you on your election to the United States Senate. It will be an honor to work with you on the important nuclear energy-related issues facing this country in the coming years.

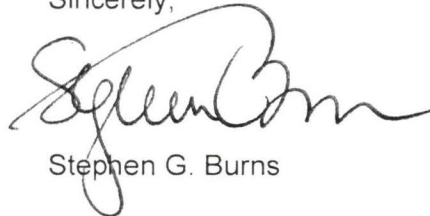
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The Honorable Tammy Duckworth  
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The Honorable Todd Young  
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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto  
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Dear Senator Masto:

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