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Dear Mr. Chairman:

It is my understanding that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is currently considering a rule to require those research reactors it licenses to convert from high-enriched uranium (HEU) to low-enriched uranium (LEU).

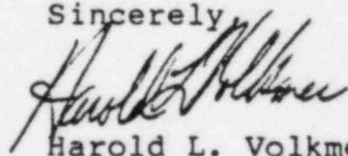
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Converting to LEU could cause scientific and financial difficulties. The reactor has helped the University contribute significantly to advances in medicine, physics and materials science while training the next generation of nuclear engineers.

I am especially concerned that a forced conversion to LEU will degrade America's research capabilities. A very high emittance machine cannot, I understand, be converted to LEU without great expense and a considerable loss in experimental value. The director of the University reactor facility, Dr. Robert Brugger, has informed me that conversion to LEU will render the reactor useless for many experiments.

Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely

  
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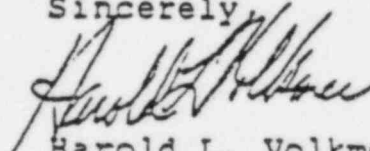
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