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The Honorable Shirley Jackson, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North Building
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Dear Madame Chairman:

The recent nuclear power plant award to GE in Taiwan is a shining example of our nation's public and private sectors' ability to work together. In no small measure the efforts of you and your staff, colleagues on the Hill, the DOE, and the American Institute in Taiwan, all contributed vitally to this "win". The \$1.8 billion award to GE will lead to an estimated \$1.26 billion in U. S. exports contributing to a favorable balance-of-trade. Here at home, we estimate that thousands of jobs will be created in order to complete the Lungmen project. These U. S. job opportunities will be shared in dozens of states, notably California, North Carolina, Ohio, Kansas and Missouri.

While the award has been granted, the project's go-ahead still faces formidable opposition politically. In this regard, your continued support to Taiwan's leadership is critical.

We are, I feel, at another crossroads in the nuclear power's history. We have in our means the ability to provide nations with developing nuclear power programs the best technology in the world. Moreover, the U. S. has the opportunity to help emerging economies meet the basic needs for energy in a way which is both sustainable and environmentally sensitive. Without nuclear technology, emerging countries will greatly expand the use of fossil fuels, a development that will rapidly overwhelm gains made by industrialized nations to improve the world's environment.

U. S. presence in the export market for nuclear power also gives the U. S. government a much greater "voice" in furthering the non-proliferation policies our nation launched with the Atoms for Peace program. We cannot afford to leave the field to others.

The challenges are great. But my colleagues and I know this great partnership is up to it. We are grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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