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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter Visclosky
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Visclosky:

We are writing to you, as the leaders of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to ask that you support the President's FY 2012 request for the Department of Energy's small, modular reactor (SMR) activities, which are focused on cost-sharing to develop near-term, light water SMRs, while also conducting research and development in SMR advanced concepts.

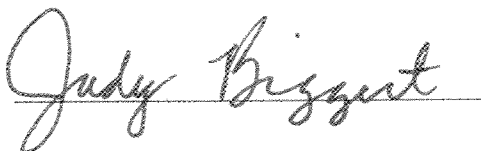
The President, the Secretary of Energy, and many in the utility sector are enthusiastic about the potential offered by innovative light-water SMRs. Bipartisan support for this program in both houses of Congress emphasizes how investing in tomorrow's energy benefits our economy, including jobs created through fabrication of SMRs in the United States.

Through cooperative agreements initiated in FY 2011, the funding in FY 2012 would allow DOE to support a licensing and technical support program that will include:

- Two specific reactor technology vendors for the design, engineering, testing, analysis, and NRC approval of a design certification document for their reactor system; and
- Two specific utilities or consortia for the development of either a Combined Operating License Applications (COLA's) or a Construction Permit Application specific to the chosen sites.

We recognize the funding challenges the Appropriations Committee faces regarding the Energy and Water Development appropriations bill for FY2012. However, we ask the Committee to recognize the potential offered by light-water SMR designs and support the full request for this vital program. We also ask the Committee's support in allowing the Department of Energy to initiate the SMR competitive program in FY2011, as proposed in the budget request last year and supported in both the House and Senate.

Sincerely,



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