



May 22, 2008

The Honorable Pete Domenici  
Ranking Member  
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
328 Senate Hart Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Domenici,

The American Council on Global Nuclear Competitiveness wishes to express its strong support for your legislation to provide incentives for the down-blending of additional Russian highly enriched uranium (HEU).

Council Members represent a broad range of nuclear designers, manufacturers, suppliers and plant operators, as well as financial, research and educational institutions and public policy experts. Several of our Council Members have first-hand experience in negotiating or implementing the Russian HEU Agreement.

The majority of our membership believes that, once again, you have succeeded in crafting a workable solution to a seemingly intractable problem. You have developed a legislative solution that satisfies both reactor operators and enrichment providers while achieving important public policy goals related to nuclear nonproliferation. For this you have both our congratulations and our gratitude.

Adoption of your amendment will spur the down-blending of Russian HEU beyond the more than 12,000 warheads worth of material that has already been converted to peaceful uses. By allowing this down-blended uranium to enter the U.S. market in a predictable and rational manner, your amendment will help achieve the Council's goal of an expanded, robust domestic nuclear fuel supply industry.

Sincerely,

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Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Co-Chairman

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