

## Nuclear Engineering Department Heads Organization

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Dear Rep. Conor Lamb and Rep. Dan Newhouse,

The Nuclear Engineering Department Heads Organization (NEDHO) convey our sincere gratitude for your steadfast support of the U.S. nuclear engineering enterprise. Specifically we are grateful for your support of the university programs in HR 6097 Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act. Within the Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act, we value the dedication of 20% of nuclear energy research and development program funds annually to the Nuclear Energy University Program. NEDHO would also like to thank you for recognizing via the University Nuclear Leadership Program the need to train students in core areas of nuclear engineering that are not immediately addressed by other programs. Your support for radiological facilities management and the Nuclear Energy Apprenticeship Program will have positive impact across the university nuclear engineering community. These university programs are essential to help us maintain robust educational and research programs at our institutions.

The U.S. nuclear science and engineering education enterprise plays a critical role in ensuring America's reliable and environmentally sound energy supply, which significantly impacts our economic and national security. It is crucial that support for these programs continue for the advancement of nuclear-related sciences and engineering and for training the next generation of the nuclear workforce to safeguard a bright future for America.

Regards,

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