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## Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee

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The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As the U.S. Department of Commerce's advisory committee on nuclear energy trade, we applaud the President's June 29<sup>th</sup> announcement outlining a plan to "usher in a new American energy policy" focused not only on energy independence, but also American "energy dominance" including nuclear energy.

We agree that unleashing the full panoply of the United States' energy resources can reduce vulnerability to the use of energy as an economic weapon while also lowering costs and creating more jobs, exports, and opportunities.

We particularly welcome the President's six-step energy plan starting with reviving and expanding the domestic nuclear energy sector with "a complete review of U.S. nuclear energy policy" to "help us find new ways to revitalize this crucial energy resource."

U.S. nuclear energy is indispensable to any strategy given that it provides 20 percent of the Nation's electricity along with 60 percent of our clean energy mix. Today, America is the multi-billion dollar nuclear energy capital of the world with the largest, best operating and safest fleet in the world with tens of thousands of high-paying jobs. As noted by the President, nuclear energy "produces clean, renewable, and emissions-free energy." In short, there will be no U.S. energy independence without nuclear energy's resilient, reliable, economical, and clean baseload power.

This review comes at a crucial time for U.S. nuclear energy. As you know, the United States is currently experiencing a contraction of our nuclear energy fleet as well as major policy and regulatory challenges while foreign sovereign consortiums are contesting America's longstanding leadership in the trillion dollar global market.

As the Administration embarks on its nuclear energy review, it is our hope that you and the Department of Commerce will take a proactive seat at the table to extol the opportunities and challenges in the energy export market relevant to nuclear energy and push for concrete policy and regulatory reform measures to bolster the U.S. market position domestically and internationally.

These include:

### **Competitiveness of the Current Fleet**

- Enacting tax, market, and infrastructure initiatives to discourage premature nuclear baseload retirements, including FERC market pricing as advanced by Energy Secretary Rick Perry, that would “fully price generation resources necessary to maintain the reliability and resiliency of our Nation’s grid.”

### **Regulatory Reform and Modernization**

- Accelerating U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) initiatives under its “Project Aim” to right-size the agency, streamline processes, and improve timeliness while also laying a new framework for advanced reactors licensing modernization.
- Implementing Executive Actions directing a streamlined, expedited process to approve Part 810 specific authorization requests to export certain civilian nuclear technology.

### **Propelling Next Generation Advanced Nuclear**

- Supporting the completion of next phase requirements for deployment of a next generation light-water Small Modular Reactor and development of comprehensive initiatives to expedite development of non-light-water small reactors.

### **Meeting Fuel Cycle Demands**

- Ensuring U.S. capability to meet used fuel disposition at Yucca Mountain and through private-sector led consolidated storage initiatives along with a review of U.S. capabilities for mining, conversion, and enrichment.

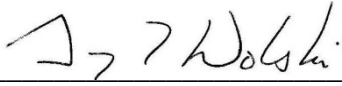
### **Export Market Promotion and Advocacy**

- Seeking implementation of pressing civil nuclear cooperation agreements (123 agreements), including agreements with Saudi Arabia and Mexico, and creating opportunities for U.S. companies to participate in those foreign markets.
- Encouraging more countries, especially China, Mexico, South Korea, and the United Kingdom, to adopt the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, with consistent legislation.
- Encouraging approval by the Senate of a full slate of directors to restore quorum at the Export-Import Bank of the United States.
- Eliminating prohibitions against nuclear projects at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) and U.S.-funded multilateral banks and financial institutions.

We stand ready to work hand-in-glove with you to revitalize and expand U.S. nuclear energy.

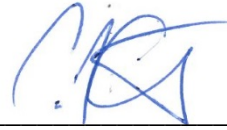
We look forward to hearing further from you on this campaign and staying abreast of developments as the President's plan moves forward.

Sincerely and on behalf of the members of CINTAC,



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Chris Colbert, Vice Chairman

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