

July 2, 2020

U.S. International Development Finance Corporation
1100 New York Ave NW
Washington, DC 20527

RE: Public comment period on proposed change to nuclear energy policy

To Whom It May Concern:

I write on behalf of the American Nuclear Society (ANS)¹ to express our support for the Nuclear Fuel Working Group's recommendation that the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation restore America's competitive nuclear energy advantage and remove the legacy prohibition of support for nuclear energy projects. ANS and the 10,000 nuclear technology professionals it represents are committed to advancing, fostering, and promoting the development and application of nuclear sciences and technologies to benefit society.

Lifting the ban on support for nuclear projects abroad will help DFC reach its goals in many ways, including:

- **Impactful global development:** Sustainable economic development abroad depends on access to clean and reliable electricity, and nuclear energy – in tandem with wind, solar and other renewables – can effectively meet this requirement without adding to global pollution levels and harming public health.
- **Advancing U.S. foreign policy:** U.S. nuclear energy supply arrangements promote critical U.S. interests in global nuclear safety, security and nonproliferation, as well as wider U.S. foreign policy influence. Currently, state-owned enterprises from authoritarian countries like Russia and China dominate the global nuclear market – building 2 out of every 3 reactors under construction around the world and spreading their influence over developing countries.
- **Advancing nuclear safety:** The U.S. is held as the global leader in nuclear safety through both our regulatory approach and industry implementation. Imbedded in all U.S. nuclear technology are core safety fundamentals in design and conduct of operations. Deployment of U.S. technology will promote and advance global safety standards.

¹ ANS works on behalf of its members to advocate for policies that advance nuclear science and technology. In Washington, D.C. and at the state level, ANS looks for opportunities to support policies that advance nuclear science in medicine, energy, education, and aerospace. ANS works in a variety of ways to encourage policies that recognize the benefits nuclear science and technology brings to our lives.

- Generating returns for American taxpayers: The U.S. Department of Commerce estimates the value of the global nuclear market at \$500-740 billion over the next 10 years and each \$1 billion of exports generates between 5,000 and 10,000 U.S. jobs.

Supporting nuclear power projects abroad is essential to help the world achieve a low-carbon future and to help the U.S. solidify its place among the world's energy leaders.

I urge you to remove the legacy prohibition on support for nuclear energy projects in developing countries. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. H. Piercy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "P".

Craig H. Piercy, Executive Director/CEO
American Nuclear Society