

March 12, 2022

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman
**U.S. Senate Energy & Natural
Resources Committee**
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

On behalf of the American Nuclear Society (ANS), we write to express our strong support for the nomination of Dr. Kathryn Huff to be the U.S. Department of Energy's Assistant Secretary of Energy. ANS is the premiere scientific and professional organization for nuclear engineers and technologists. Our 10,000 members from the U.S. and around the world are committed to advancing nuclear science and technology for the benefit of humanity.

Dr. Huff is a highly respected and widely known member of the American nuclear community. She received her Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2013, and a B.A. in Physics from the University of Chicago. Dr. Huff's recent experience at the U.S. Department of Energy as well as her research on modeling and simulation of advanced nuclear reactors and fuel cycles make her highly qualified for this position.

Dr. Huff has also been an active member of ANS, including service as chair of the ANS Fuel Cycle and Waste Management and Nonproliferation Policy Divisions. She is also the recipient of both the ANS Young Member Excellence and Mary Jane Oestmann Professional Women's Achievement awards.

If confirmed, we are confident that Dr. Huff will build upon her extensive work in academia and in government to advance nuclear energy's critical role in securing affordable, reliable emissions-free energy around the world.

We urge the Committee to favorably report Dr. Huff's nomination to the full Senate.

Sincerely,

Craig H. Piercy

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Executive Director & CEO
American Nuclear Society

Steven P. Nesbit

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President
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