

July 14, 2022

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman
U.S. Senate Energy and Natural
Resources Committee
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jim Risch
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Foreign
Affairs Committee
483 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Manchin and Senator Risch:

As the premier professional organization representing 10,000 nuclear engineers, scientists, and technologists, who embrace the vital contributions that nuclear technologies make to improving people's lives, the [American Nuclear Society](#) (ANS) applauds the introduction of the International Nuclear Energy Act of 2022.

The advancement of this legislation will maximize America's capabilities to support domestic companies developing nuclear energy projects internationally. With growing momentum behind China and Russia in the global civil nuclear export market, the timely introduction of this bill provides a path forward for U.S. energy security and the re-establishment of American leadership in international nuclear energy development.

Provisions included in the International Nuclear Energy Act would establish programs which would facilitate international nuclear energy cooperation by developing financing relationships, training, education, market analysis, safety, security, safeguards, and the nuclear governance required for a civil nuclear program. The Manchin-Risch led bill would also generate American jobs and extend U.S. reach in nuclear safety, nonproliferation, and security.

Additionally, the bill addresses growing concern regarding U.S. energy security; particularly, U.S. nuclear fuel conversion and enrichment capabilities. By strengthening critical U.S. infrastructure as it relates to our nation's nuclear fuel conversion and enrichment capabilities, we can move one step closer towards domestic nuclear energy independence.

ANS looks forward to working with Congress to address fuel supply uncertainties and creating a path forward for domestic energy security and climate goals. Please send any questions to ANS Director of Public Policy, John Starkey at jstarkey@ans.org.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Arndt

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President
American Nuclear Society

Craig H. Piercy

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