

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Ernest Moniz
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Moniz;

Thank you for your continued support of the American Centrifuge Project (ACP) technology and your understanding of the necessity of having a domestic capability to enrich uranium to meet our long-term national security needs. We are writing today to request a meeting with you to discuss the future of the project.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of fiscal year 2014 was recently signed into law and includes important provisions relevant to the domestic uranium enrichment research, development and deployment (RD&D) work being conducted at Piketon, Ohio. The law includes \$118 million of funding for fiscal year 2014 to continue the program, of that \$56 million can be made available to the Department of Energy 30 days after “a cost benefit analysis of available and prospective domestic enrichment technologies for national security needs, the scope, schedule, and cost of [the Secretary of Energy’s] preferred option,” and a request for transfer authority is made available to Congress.

We would like to meet with you to receive an update on the current progress of the ACP RD&D project, discuss the future of the project, and understand how we can help DOE’s efforts to develop this capability.

Given the continuing need to replenish tritium to maintain the U.S. nuclear arsenal, we believe that ACP is too important to our nation’s national and energy security and too important to fail now. We look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
U.S. Senator



Rob Portman
U.S. Senator