



United States Nuclear Industry Council
1317 F Street NW Washington, DC 20004

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Via Email

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

The United States Nuclear Industry Council (USNIC) is the leading U.S. business advocate for advanced nuclear energy and promotion of the American supply chain globally. USNIC represents approximately 80 companies engaged in nuclear innovation and supply chain development, including technology developers, manufacturers, construction engineers, key utility movers, and service providers. USNIC's educational programs, industry insights, and market intelligence brings together bi-partisan Federal and State legislators to create a successful clean energy paradigm that includes nuclear.

USNIC very much appreciates your Administration's positive statements about the vital role carbon-free, clean nuclear energy plays in helping the fight against climate change.

As you are aware, critical to the U.S. Nuclear Industry is a having a full complement of commissioners at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The NRC serves as the global gold standard for nuclear safety regulation around the world and performs best when the Commission is staffed as designed.

Unlike many other appointed positions, Commissioners at the NRC do not serve until replaced, but rather serve only up until their term expires as prescribed by the 1974 Energy Reorganization Act. Currently there is one open commission slot, with another commissioner's term expiring at the end of June 2021. Although we anticipate and support the re-appointment of Commissioner Caputo, without her reappointment to the NRC before June 30, the Commission will be left with only three of the five Commission seats filled. Such an arrangement is certainly not in accord with the strong support for advancing clean, reliable, nuclear energy that your Administration has so admirably highlighted as one of your top energy priorities.

Accordingly, we urge you to provide nominees to Congress soon in order to restore the Commission to its full complement of five commissioners.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bud Albright', written in a cursive style.

Bud Albright
President & CEO
U.S. Nuclear Industry Council &
U.S. Under Secretary of Energy (2006-2008)

CC:

Senator Chuck Schumer; Senator Mitch McConnell; Senator Tom Carper; Senator John Barrasso