



May 08, 2018

The Honorable John Shimkus
Chairman
House Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on the Environment
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Shimkus,

We are writing in support of H.R. 3053, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act, which enables both a short-term and a long-term pathway to deal with America's used nuclear fuel.

While nuclear energy has a very low environmental impact and is our largest clean energy source, used fuel from nuclear reactors needs to be carefully stored. The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 established Yucca Mountain as the site for the first federal geologic repository of spent nuclear fuel. Since that time, American power providers have paid billions into the nuclear waste fund to advance the licensing process and pay for a final repository. Due to the U.S government's failure to establish a permanent repository and meet its statutory obligations, the American taxpayer is now paying billions in damages to utilities without a disposal option.

The bipartisan Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act gets us back on track by authorizing privately owned interim storage options in the short-term, as requested by stakeholders living near shut down nuclear plants, while removing barriers to the licensing and development of a permanent long-term solution.

This bill is a crucial part of enabling a cleaner, more resilient energy future through the continued use of nuclear power.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Powell".

Rich Powell
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