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President Barack Obama  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
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Dear Mr. President:

We write to you to request your support for an "anomaly" for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) for any Continuing Resolution (CR) for fiscal year 2012.

As you recall, your administration requested, and the Congress provided, an "anomaly" for Weapons Activities at NNSA in the FY11 appropriations process. Such action was consistent not only with the support for the modernization of the U.S. nuclear weapons enterprise articulated by the administration during the New START treaty ratification process, but it was also vital to keeping on track the tight schedule for infrastructure modernization and life extensions of our current warhead types. Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employ some of the best and brightest minds in the country and a steady investment in the intellectual and physical infrastructure is essential to the credibility of our nation's deterrent.

While the administration did not ask for, or receive, an "anomaly" for the NNSA's naval reactor or nonproliferation programs in FY11, we fully support a broader anomaly this year and will work with your administration to see that it is provided by the Congress for as long as the federal government is operating under a CR in FY12. The administration's goal of securing all vulnerable nuclear material within four years, and the vital naval reactor development activities to support the *Ohio* ballistic missile submarine replacement program, all require the stability provided by an "anomaly"; as do the Weapons Activities programs for which the NNSA is responsible.

We urge the administration to request an anomaly for the NNSA for as long as continuing resolutions for FY12 are necessary. We believe such a step by your administration is consistent with the consensus support for the modernization of the U.S. nuclear deterrent established during ratification of the New START treaty and support for the important nonproliferation programs administered by the NNSA. We also urge the administration's clarification of the impact to

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NNSA of OMB Director Lew's memorandum to the Executive branch on August 17<sup>th</sup> in view of your letter of December 20, 2010 that you would support the modernization plan for the U.S. nuclear deterrent for as long as you are in office.

Sincerely,



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CC: The Honorable Jacob Lew, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
The Honorable Thomas D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security  
Administration