REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION BY A BOARD MEMBER

Requester:Joyce Connery August 19, 2019												
Brief description of Requested Action:												
Approve sending the attached letter to the National Labs Caucus co-chairs.												
Attachments (init) _yes_												
Summarize any time sensitive considerations:												
Requestor signature	on file		August 20, 2019									
Executive secretary	on file		August 20, 2019									
	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICPATING	COMMENT	DATE						
Bruce Hamilton												
Jessie H. Roberson												
Joyce L. Connery												
Final Disposition Summary												
Executive Secretary signature												

Bruce Hamilton, Chairman Jessie H. Roberson Joyce L. Connery

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Washington, DC 20004-2901



The Honorable Bill Foster Co-Chair, National Labs Caucus United States House of Representatives 2366 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann Co-Chair, National Labs Caucus 2410 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ben Ray Luján Co-Chair, National Labs Caucus 2323 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lee Zeldin Co-Chair, National Labs Caucus 2441 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Foster, Fleischmann, Luján, and Zeldin:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board provides independent safety oversight for the defense nuclear facilities at the laboratories. In recent years we have addressed topics such as earthquake hazards, nuclear criticality safety, safety controls for radioactive waste, and opportunities to reduce excess radioactive materials at the laboratories. The Board also regularly interfaces with the laboratories as they provide scientific and engineering support for DOE's other defense nuclear sites. For example, our Recommendation 2019-1, *Pantex Uncontrolled Hazard Scenarios and 10 CFR 830 Implementation*, issued earlier this year, focused on the need to improve how nuclear explosive operations at the Pantex Plant implement safety analyses developed by the national laboratories.

The Board has stationed resident inspectors at four DOE defense nuclear sites that are home to national laboratories: Hanford, Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, and the Savannah River Site. We are pleased to extend an invitation for members of the caucus who visit those sites to meet our resident inspectors and to discuss their perspectives on safety at the national laboratories. We would also be pleased to provide follow-up briefings on any safety topics that interest members of the caucus. Your staff may contact our General Manager, Glenn Sklar, at 202-694-7000 or <u>GlennS@dnfsb.gov</u> to coordinate briefings and other interactions.

Yours truly,

Bruce Hamilton Chairman

AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Connery to Approve Sending the attached Letter to the National Labs Caucus

Doc Control#: 2019-100-0041

The Board acted on the above document on 08/23/2019. The document was Approved.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING	COMMENT	DATE
Bruce Hamilton	~					08/23/2019
Jessie H. Roberson	~					08/23/2019
Joyce L. Connery	~					08/22/2019

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Board Members.

<u>Micholas</u> Moore

Executive Secretary to the Board

Attachments:

- 1. Voting Summary
- 2. Board Member Vote Sheets

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Bruce Hamilton

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Connery to Approve Sending the attached Letter to the National Labs Caucus

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DATE: 08/23/2019

VOTE: Approved

Member voted by email.

COMMENTS:

None

Bruce Hamilton

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NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Connery to Approve Sending the attached Letter to the National Labs Caucus

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DATE: 08/23/2019

VOTE: Approved

Member voted by phone call.

COMMENTS:

None

Jessie H. Roberson

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Joyce L. Connery

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Connery to Approve Sending the attached Letter to the National Labs Caucus

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DATE: 08/22/2019

VOTE: Approved

COMMENTS:

None

Joyce L. Connery