



July 3, 2024

The Honorable Ben Cardin
Chair, Committee on Foreign Relations
423 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6225

The Honorable James E. Risch
Ranking Member, Committee on Foreign Relations
423 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6225

Re: Supporting the International Nuclear Energy Act (S.826)

Dear Chair Cardin and Ranking Member Risch:

The Nuclear Innovation Alliance (NIA) is a non-profit, non-partisan “think-and-do” tank working to help create the conditions for success for advanced nuclear energy so it can be part of the climate and energy solution. We are writing to express our support of S.826, the International Nuclear Energy Act (INEA), and urge your committee to swiftly move this bill through committee markup and ultimately enactment.

Nuclear energy plays a critical role in our nation’s economy, providing a source of reliable, affordable, and clean energy. Advanced nuclear energy can play an even larger role in global decarbonization and ensuring U.S. leadership in deploying advanced nuclear reactor technologies. S.826 aims to unlock America’s ability to coordinate with international partners on the research, development, licensing, and deployment of these technologies for civil nuclear energy. This coordination is essential to realize advanced nuclear energy’s potential to provide clean and cost-competitive energy to our allies and developing nations seeking reliable energy sources.

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, it has become clear that energy security is national security, and that global energy security is paramount. Given the interconnected global energy landscape, countries across the globe are seeking to secure their energy futures and are more interested than ever in advanced nuclear energy as a viable pathway. With the United States leading the development of over a dozen advanced reactor technologies, we are well positioned to help meet these nations’ energy needs. We can establish U.S. leadership in the advanced reactor ecosystem only through international collaboration and strategic efforts to enable the export of advanced reactor technologies. We support S.826 to prepare the United States to meet this moment.

Sincerely,
Judi Greenwald

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Judith M. Greenwald'.

Executive Director, Nuclear Innovation Alliance