

United States Senate

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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S.128, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Nita Lowey
Chairwoman
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Shelby, Vice Chairman Leahy, Chairwoman Nita Lowey, and Ranking Member Kay Granger:

As you reconcile the House and Senate Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations bills, we urge you to include robust funding for communities facing nuclear power plant closures through the Economic Development Administration. We support the language included in House Report 116-101 regarding nuclear power plant closures and encourage inclusion of this language in the final conference report.

Strong funding is necessary to support public works investments and economic diversification initiatives in communities across the country. The scale of the challenges facing these communities, in addition to further expected nuclear power plant closures, creates a need for robust economic adjustment assistance funding.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Duckworth
United States Senator



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator