United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

The Honorable Pam Bondi Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20530

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Dear Attorney General Bondi:

We write regarding the implementation of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) following its historic expansion and extension by Congress. After decades of advocacy, communities harmed by radiation exposure are set to finally receive long-overdue recognition and compensation. This achievement marks a significant step toward providing some justice to families who have waited far too long. After decades of struggle, we ask that the Department of Justice move swiftly to issue guidance for claimants to access the program.

As you know, the current extension of RECA expires in just over two years. This means that there is limited time to fulfill the promise of this expansion and ensure that every eligible individual receives the compensation they deserve. We urge the Department of Justice to move quickly and efficiently in the development and posting of guidance to implement the expanded RECA program.

As you develop the necessary guidance and regulations, we encourage the Department to post for notice and comment guidance in waves, recognizing that certain parts of the program require simpler updates and can be implemented immediately. This phased approach will help ensure that claimants, many of whom are elderly and have been waiting for years, can begin accessing the benefits of this program without unnecessary delay.

We appreciate your commitment to ensuring that those who have suffered from radiation exposure are provided the compensation and recognition they deserve. We look forward to justice that the Department will help deliver, and we respectfully request regular updates on your progress toward implementing the expanded RECA program.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your commitment to fulfilling the promise of RECA.

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