United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

The Honorable Lori Chavez-DeRemer Secretary US Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave. NW Washington, DC 20210

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Dear Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer:

We write regarding the implementation of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) and the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) following its historic expansion and extension by Congress. Uranium mine workers and onsite participants who have borne the brunt of our nation's Cold War legacy and are set to have their hard work and sacrifice recognized and compensated, marking a significant step toward justice for communities that have waited far too long.

As you know, the current extension of the program expires in just over two years. This means time is limited to fulfill the promise of this expansion and ensure every eligible uranium miner and onsite participant receives compensation. We urge the Department of Labor to act swiftly and efficiently in developing and posting guidance to implement the expanded RECA and EEOICPA programs.

We encourage the Department to post for notice and comment guidance as soon as practicably possible. The sooner guidance is made public, it will allow eligible individuals, many of whom are elderly and have waited for decades, to begin accessing benefits without further delay.

We appreciate your commitment to ensuring uranium mine workers and onsite participants harmed by radiation exposure receive the compensation and recognition they deserve, and we respectfully request regular updates on the Department's progress. We look forward to working with you to ensure the promise of RECA and EEOICPA is fully realized.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your commitment to these workers and their families.

Sincerely,

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