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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye  
Chairman, Appropriations Committee  
U.S. Senate  
S-131, U.S. Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Ranking Member, Appropriations Committee  
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The Honorable Byron Dorgan  
Chairman, Energy and Water  
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The Honorable Robert Bennett  
Ranking Member, Energy and Water  
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Dear Chairmen Inouye, and Dorgan, Ranking Members Bennett, and Cochran:

The Energy Engineering Policy Alliance strongly supports the President's fiscal year 2010 budget request for scientific and engineering research at the Department of Energy (DOE). Combined with the funding for DOE contained in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the FY 2010 DOE budget will play a critical role in addressing our nation's energy challenges. However, we are concerned that proposed reductions in funding for the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy for FY 2010 are inconsistent with a balanced U.S. energy policy.

The Energy Engineering Policy Alliance is a coalition of professional engineering societies dedicated to the establishment of a balanced and technically sound U.S. energy policy.

Nuclear power accounts for twenty percent of our nation's electricity supply and can play a key role in developing a cleaner and more secure energy future for the country. However, this technology demands sustained research, development, and demonstration to improve efficiency, reduce waste, enhance energy output, and support the next generation of power plants. Therefore, we urge you to restore funding levels for the Office of Nuclear Energy to at least the funding levels for FY 2009.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions please contact ASME Government Relations Public Policy Specialist Robert Rains at [Rainsr@asme.org](mailto:Rainsr@asme.org) or at 202-785-7483, or, IEEE-USA Senior Government Relations Representative, Bill Williams at [bill.williams@ieee.org](mailto:bill.williams@ieee.org) or at 202-530-8331.

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