



Department of Energy
Under Secretary for Nuclear Security
Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585



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The Honorable Adam Smith
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in response to 50 USC 2756, which requires the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) to provide an annual report on priorities not funded in each respective year's President's Budget Request.

The fiscal year (FY) 2023 President's Budget Request for DOE/NNSA continues the strong support provided for more than a decade to modernize the nuclear stockpile, rebuild and revitalize DOE/NNSA's infrastructure, advance nonproliferation and the reduction of nuclear threats, and deliver nuclear propulsion that meets the U.S. Navy's operational requirements. The FY 2023 Request also supports the science and technology needed in the near- and long-term for DOE/NNSA missions.

The FY 2023 President's Budget Request for NNSA provides \$21.4 billion, an increase of 3.65 percent from the FY 2022 Enacted Level. This budget supports meeting FY 2023 Department of Defense requirements and other NNSA deliverables. However, the budget is \$500 million below the requirements-based budget submitted by DOE. This \$500 million would allow activities to be started as early as possible for the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility. Recognizing the \$500 million will not allow the NNSA to meet the requirement of 80 pits per year by 2030, the request supports meeting the requirement as close to 2030 as possible. NNSA commits to funding as many as these activities as possible within our FY 2023 budget allocation, but we assess our efforts will be at least \$250 million short of the submitted requirements budget.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jason Miller, Acting Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-0176.

Sincerely,

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cc. The Honorable Mike Rogers
Ranking Member