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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 13, 2019

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Section 1097(d)(1) of the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018" (Public Law 115-91) (the Act) requires agencies, including the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), in consultation with the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, to incorporate the protection of whistleblowers into job requirements and performance standards of supervisory employees. Under the Act, each agency must annually submit a report to Congress detailing the number of supervisors who failed to meet these critical standards, the reasons for the determination that they failed, and each performance-based or corrective action taken by the agency in response.

Interagency guidance for the required annual reports is forthcoming. In the interim, the NRC can report that there were no confirmed violations at the agency of the Act's whistleblower provisions since they went into effect.

Please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Svinicki", written in a cursive style.

Kristine L. Svinicki

cc: Senator Gary C. Peters

Identical letter sent to:

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