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The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Strategic Forces Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over the nation's nuclear security enterprise, we write to share our deep concerns that the security at DOE-NNSA facilities is inadequate and the facilities could be gravely at risk. From our preliminary oversight activities of the Y-12 site security incursion of July 28<sup>th</sup>, it is clear that an unprecedented failure occurred due to contractor incompetence and failures at every level of oversight.

Lapses at every level in terms of process, personnel, and accountability could have allowed a disaster. We believe these issues may not be limited to Y-12.

We ask for your personal attention to this matter. We further ask that you take decisive action to ensure that in the aftermath of this incident the highest standards for accountable leadership and tough oversight are put into place at the DOE-NNSA.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Turner  
Chairman  
Strategic Forces Subcommittee



Loretta Sanchez  
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