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The Honorable Lee Hamilton  
Co-Chair  
Blue Ribbon Commission on  
America's Nuclear Future  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Brent Scowcroft  
Co-Chair  
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Dear Co-Chair Hamilton and Co-Chair Scowcroft:

I would like to extend to you and your Commission members and staff a warm welcome to New Mexico. I would also like to recognize former Senator Pete Domenici for his continued service to our nation as a Commission member.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to enter these comments into the Commission's public meeting records. While I am in Washington this week attending to business in the United States Senate, I know you will hear from a number of interested New Mexicans with valuable insight and expertise during your public hearings. Staff from my offices in Carlsbad, Albuquerque, and Washington will attend these meetings to listen to these contributions as well.

As you know well, the history of the management of the nuclear fuel cycle in America is complex, and I believe we will not be able to tell where we are going unless we know where we have been. With that in mind, no assessment of American nuclear policy can be complete without an understanding of New Mexico's nuclear history from the Manhattan Project, to uranium mining, to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, and to the new URENCO USA/LES uranium enrichment facility. I trust your visit will be a productive one, and I look forward to learning from the Commission's recommendations.

Thank you again for your visit to New Mexico and for your service.

Sincerely,

Tom Udall  
United States Senator