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The Honorable Darrell Issa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2269 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Support for Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2017, H.R. 474**

Dear Congressman Issa:

On behalf of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), I am writing to express our support for your H.R. 474, the Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2017.

As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing approximately 2,500 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, we are fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. Two years ago, the Chamber's Board of Directors voted to support H.R. 3643, the Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2015, and remain supportive of the 2017 version of the bill today. The Chamber understands the importance that energy security plays in the San Diego region, and sees potential in the ability of H.R. 474 to protect the health and safety of San Diego's businesses, military, and environment while saving taxpayer dollars.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 currently requires the Department of Energy to move nuclear waste to a permanent repository. H.R. 474 would amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act to allow interest earned by the Nuclear Waste Fund to be used to pay for interim consolidated storage facilities for nuclear waste.

While this action does not preclude the Yucca Mountain site being the permanent storage facility for the nuclear waste currently housed at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, it does acknowledge the current stagnation on the issue by creating an interim solution. San Onofre is located near an active fault line, along the I-5 and the Pacific Ocean, and near two heavily populated counties. It is a perfect example of one of many facilities across the nation that is not ideal for nuclear waste storage.

It is for these reasons the Chamber supports H.R. 474, and looks forward to working with you on this important issue. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sophie Barnhorst, Policy Coordinator, at (619) 544-1314 or [sbarnhorst@sdchamber.org](mailto:sbarnhorst@sdchamber.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Sanders', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jerry Sanders  
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San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce