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*Specialists in Radiation Safety*

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The Honorable Judy Biggert  
United States House of Representatives  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Representative Biggert:

Thank you for introducing H.R. 3828, the Department of Energy University Nuclear Science, Engineering and Health Physics Act. The Health Physics Society is particularly pleased that your most recent legislation, which continues your active work over the last several years to address the serious decline of the United States university nuclear sciences and engineering programs, has specifically recognized the importance of the health physics academic programs to this effort and has included provisions to help address the human capital crisis in our profession.

I also want to recognize and thank your Legislative Director, Mr. Paul Doucette, your Subcommittee Staff Director Kevin Carroll, and your Subcommittee Professional Staff members Kathryn Clay and Tina Kaarsberg for their interest in, and understanding of our human capital crisis and their appreciation that this impending shortage of health physicists puts the safety of our nation's workers, members of the public, and our environment in jeopardy.

As the bill enters the legislative process, please consider the Health Physics Society and its members as a resource to assist in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further information on this or any issue related to radiation safety.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Kase, PhD, CHP  
President