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Dr. Anthony W. Thomas, Past Chair  
Dr. William T. H. van Oers, Secretary  
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Dear Drs. Thomas and van Oers:

Thank you for your letter of February 15, 2013, to Secretary Chu underscoring the important role of U.S. facilities in the global nuclear science effort. The Secretary has asked that I respond on his behalf.

As I am sure you understand, the priority of funding basic research, and nuclear physics research and enabling facilities, must be established in the full context of the needs and priorities of the Nation. Faced with tight budgets, the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Office of Science will set priorities to continue world leadership in science, balancing Federal research and development priorities and support of the Department's missions. In this context, the results from the Nuclear Science Advisory Committee subcommittee, which was charged to identify compelling scientific opportunities in nuclear physics under possible constrained budget scenarios, will be taken into consideration along with other factors in the Department's continuing effort to provide world-leading science at forefront research facilities. I look forward to working with the community to ensure continued world-leading research in this important area of the DOE fundamental science portfolio.

If you have questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Hallman".

Timothy J. Hallman  
Associate Director of the Office of Science  
for Nuclear Physics



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