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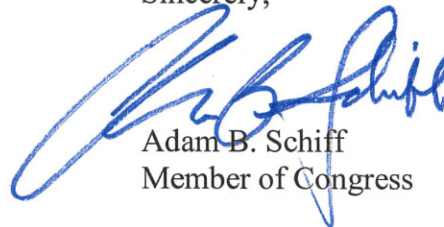
Dear Members of the Steering Committee:

President Obama has established a national goal of securing all vulnerable nuclear material around the world within four years, an effort I vigorously support. The April 12, 2010 nongovernmental nuclear security summit, organized by the Fissile Materials Working Group, is an important opportunity to complement the official nuclear security summit being hosted by President Obama. While the official nuclear security summit will include 43 heads of state, your event will emphasize that the importance of this objective extends beyond governments and must be a central concern of the larger global community.

By inviting the participation of over 200 U.S. and international experts and media representing over 40 countries, the nongovernmental summit will highlight the importance of preventing nuclear terrorism by improving nuclear material security and help build global support for this crucial goal. It also will create a foundation for continued collaboration among civil society institutions globally and between governmental agencies and nongovernmental organizations long after the event.

Few know better than your group the danger that the global community faces from vulnerable nuclear materials and the need to develop new initiatives to meet the challenge of securing them. Your event will help to foster the conditions necessary to make the vision of securing all vulnerable materials worldwide in four years a reality. I wish you every success for your event.

Sincerely,



Adam B. Schiff
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