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Ms. Purnima Voria  
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Dear Ms. Voria:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the recent U.S.-India civil nuclear cooperation initiative. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue.

In March, the U.S. and India reached a preliminary agreement on civil nuclear cooperation. This agreement addresses India's growing energy needs as well as reducing world demand for energy, strengthening international security and providing opportunities for American businesses and workers.

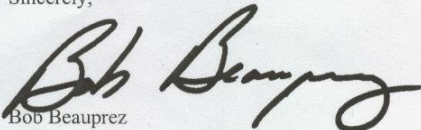
This agreement will allow India to expand its civilian nuclear energy program and in return India has agreed to increase the transparency of its civilian nuclear program, improve safety and allow for the oversight of a large majority of their civilian nuclear reactors and facilities. India has agreed to operate its civilian nuclear facilities and programs under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) oversight and safeguards and to adhere to the guidelines of the Nuclear Suppliers Group and the Missile Technology Control Regime. All of these concessions will strengthen international security by expanding the reach of the international non-proliferation program to include India.

American businesses will now be given the opportunity to supply India's growing demand for nuclear technology, fuel and support services. India plans to import eight nuclear reactors by 2012. If U.S. companies provide even one of those reactors, it will create thousands of new U.S. jobs.

This agreement allows us to strengthen our ties to a large democracy that shares our commitment to freedom. Secretary of State Rice has stated that this agreement will deepen our bilateral strategic partnership, enhance energy security, benefit the environment, create opportunities for U.S. business and enhance the international nuclear nonproliferation regime. I agree that this is a mutually beneficial agreement and I will support measures in the House that will facilitate that U.S.-India civilian nuclear cooperation.

Again, thank you for writing. I truly appreciate your opinions and hope that you will contact my office again should you have any additional comments or concerns. Also, please feel free to visit my website at [www.house.gov/beaupez](http://www.house.gov/beaupez).

Sincerely,

  
Bob Beauprez