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Washington, DC – Last night, an overflow crowd of nearly 300 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

“As a math PhD, a former employee of a national laboratory, and as a Congressman who represents a p

“Last night, nearly 300 people showed up to express their concerns about the impact of the new packag

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), last week proposed a new benefits package for L

“There is no denying that is a matter of significant concern for the lab community,” Rep. McNerney said.

Yesterday, Rep. McNerney joined with five other Members of Congress from Northern California in send

Based on the comments he heard at the public meeting last night, today, Rep. McNerney delivered to S

[Click here to view the letter sent to Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman with the package of materials.](#)

The public comment period on the issue of the benefits package closes today, July 3.

A transcription of Rep. McNerney’s opening remarks from last night’s event at the Pleasanton Senior Ce

“What I plan to do is listen carefully tonight. I know there’s a significant level of concern about what’s ha

“I know most everyone here has spent their careers working for the laboratories...I myself worked for Sa

“...We’ve received about 300 or 400 contacts from the community [about the proposed benefits package

“In my opinion the Department of Energy and the NNSA are trying to push through a package that is not

“We want to make sure that the compensation is good enough to attract the best talent for the laboratory

“I think that we have some very significant issues that we’re facing in terms of our national security, in te

“That’s why I am glad to be here to participate and to listen to your concerns and to be a vehicle to ensu

