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To the ANS Student Conference Selection Committee:

I am pleased to write to you in support of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign American Nuclear Society (ANS) student section proposal to host the 2021 ANS Student Conference. I am confident that our students are united, motivated, and ready to engineer an excellent student conference in 2021. As Department Head, I can also confirm that the students will be supported by the Department of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering (NPRES) and its faculty if their proposal is selected.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ANS student section has performed exceptionally for many years. NPRES and The Grainger College of Engineering have matched their fantastic efforts by dedicating significant resources to the growth and sustainability of the section. Thus, the ANS-UIUC section is the healthy, robust cultural core of the department. The work they have already done to plan this conference proposal is evidence of their strong intent to showcase our university, department, and student section.

Their motivation is well-placed, as this is a very exciting time to invite students and professionals to visit NPRES at Illinois. The department has grown tremendously in the past five years, with many new hires doubling our faculty population. This remarkable growth is coupled with increased depth and breadth of our research and course offerings. Additionally, student experiences are enriched by new facilities such as the HIDRA stellarator-tokamak, a world-class plasma fusion device. Our faculty recognizes that the ANS Student Conference is a unique opportunity for our students to share the department's renewed strength with the national ANS student population. We are accordingly thrilled to support their bid for the 2021 ANS Student Conference.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rizwan Uddin', written over a horizontal line.

Rizwan Uddin
Professor and Department Head