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NEWS RELEASE

Bishops Express Gratitude to the USCCB Urging Congress to Pass the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act

ALBUQUERQUE – Monday, June 3, 2024—IMMEDIATE RELEASE— We, the undersigned, wish to express our gratitude to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for urging Congress to pass RECA, the bipartisan Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (S.3853) before it sunsets on June 6, 2024. As bishops serving dioceses in states that will be the most impacted by the extension and expansion of RECA, we add our support to the Voice of Urgency expressed by the USCCB:

It has been almost 80 years since the Trinity bomb was detonated on U.S. soil, spreading poisonous and deadly radioactive material. As time passes, and the awareness of such damage increases, our laws must improve to reflect the justice due to those who continue to suffer the consequences. This Act extends and expands partial restitution, and we look forward to working with you in bringing relief to a long suffering and too-often ignored group of Americans.

We invite the faithful of our dioceses and all people of good will to join us in praying that the bipartisan Radiation Exposure Compensation Act will become law, thus recognizing those who continue to suffer the effects of radiation poisoning and the continued harm it inflicts on our fellow citizens.

Sincerely,

His Eminence Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston
Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, Archbishop of Denver
Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans
Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Archbishop of Louisville
Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Archbishop of Las Vegas
Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe
Most Reverend Peter Baldacchino, Bishop of Las Cruces
Most Reverend Stephen J. Berg, Bishop of Pueblo
Most Reverend Oscar Cantú, Bishop of San Jose
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Most Reverend Randolph R. Calvo, Bishop Emeritus of Reno
Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Fleming, Bishop of Great Falls-Billings
Most Reverend James Golka, Bishop of Colorado Springs
Most Reverend Gregory W. Gordon, Auxiliary Bishop of Las Vegas
Most Reverend Richard C. Hanifen, Bishop Emeritus of Colorado Springs
Most Reverend John C. Iffert, Bishop of Covington
Most Reverend Steven J. Lopes, Bishop of The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter
Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro
Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg, Bishop of Reno
Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, Bishop of Fort Worth
Most Reverend Michael J. Sis, Bishop of San Angelo
Most Reverend Oscar Azarcon Solis, Bishop of Salt Lake City
Most Reverend J. Mark Spalding, Bishop of Nashville
Most Reverend John Stowe, Bishop of Lexington
Most Reverend David L. Toups, Bishop of Beaumont
Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez, Bishop of Austin & Apostolic Administrator of Tyler
Most Reverend Austin Vetter, Bishop of Helena
Most Reverend James S. Wall, Bishop of Gallup
Most Reverend Michael W. Warfel, Bishop Emeritus of Great Falls- Billings
Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson

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