Dear Secretary Perry

I am writing this letter to express my deep concern about FY2019 President Budget Request to cut inertial confinement fusion program including the OMEGA laser facility.

I became aware of the three-years ramp down of the OMEGA facility of the Laboratory for Laser Energetics (LLE) at the University of Rochester. This was a big shock to me and to the international inertial confinement fusion and high energy density Community.

We all recognize that LLE has long been the most important player in the world and more importantly it has graduated through its program very many talented people necessary to sustain US leadership in the world. Without LLE’s indispensable role the US will definitively lose its position in this worldwide important field, and some other countries including China and Russia might take this position.

Without any doubt, OMEGA is one of the most important facilities for the US and for the world. I would ask that you reconsider that cut and continue support for a program that has had strong bipartisan congressional support.

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