Branch should work with the private sector to build an effective and competitive financing package for U.S. exporters.

Waste
One significant barrier to increased reliance on nuclear power is the failure to develop repositories for the disposal of spent fuel and high-level waste. Spent fuel is safely stored at reactor sites in spent fuel pools and dry cask storage, but the long-term disposition of spent fuel must be achieved.²

Conclusion
For advanced reactors to contribute significantly to a decarbonized energy system, there are many challenges that must be overcome. Their resolution requires sustained effort and robust financial support by the Congress, various departments of the U.S. government (especially the DOE and the NRC), the nuclear industry, and the financial community. Given the urgency of the need to respond to climate change and the significant role that nuclear power could play, prompt action is necessary.

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