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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3978

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2025

Mr. LATTA (for himself and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Nuclear REFUEL
3 (Recycling Efficient Fuels Utilizing Expedited Licensing)
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION FROM DEFINITION OF PRODUCTION FA-**
6 **CILITY.**

7 Section 11 v. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42
8 U.S.C. 2014(v)) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “or reprocessing” after “ura-
10 nium enrichment”; and

11 (2) by striking “separating the isotopes of ura-
12 nium or enriching uranium in the isotope 235” and
13 inserting “(A) separating isotopes of uranium or en-
14 riching uranium in the isotope 235; or (B) reproc-
15 essing spent nuclear fuel in a manner that does not
16 isolate plutonium”.