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LOS ALAMOS – This week, Congressman Ben Ray Luján, D-N.M., the U.S House Assistant Speaker, and Congressman Adam Smith, D-Wash., Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, toured Los Alamos National Laboratory on a congressional delegation highlighting the importance of New Mexico’s national labs. Congressmen Luján and Smith were joined by the Department of Energy’s Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and NNSA Administrator Lisa E. Gordon--Hagerty.

As Co--Chair of the National Labs Caucus, Congressman Luján has secured major environmental and scientific investments for New Mexico’s national laboratories. The House-passed National Defense Authorization Act included Luján’s provision to create a jobs pipeline from education institutions to national laboratories to support workforce development. Additionally, Luján led the first congressional delegation of the National Labs Caucus to Los Alamos National Laboratory earlier this year.

“I was excited to welcome Chairman Adam Smith to New Mexico to see the trailblazing research Los Alamos National Laboratory is doing to drive innovation and support our nation’s national security. New Mexico’s national labs are major economic drivers that support New Mexico families and communities. It was an honor to showcase Los Alamos National Laboratory, and I look forward to continuing working with my colleagues to support our laboratories and create new, good-paying jobs across New Mexico,” Luján said.

Smith said, “My recent trip to New Mexico reiterated how critically important the state is to our national security. Our national labs, including Los Alamos National Laboratory, directly advance

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our nation's defense by driving innovation and supplying our service members with the tools and technology they need to execute their missions. I am grateful for my colleagues like Representative Luján who understand the important role their respective states play in the broader National Defense Strategy."