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Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences
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Dear Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences:

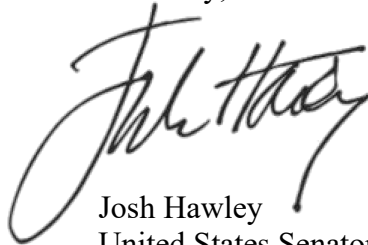
This week, the Academy announced its full slate of nominees for the 2024 Academy Awards. Christopher Nolan's biopic *Oppenheimer* is in the lead, with 13 award nominations across a variety of categories. Public interest in J. Robert Oppenheimer's life story has never been greater, and the ongoing significance of his legacy will undoubtedly be a major focus at the 96th Academy Awards.

As you continue preparations for the ceremony on March 10, I write to urge you to include programming that recognizes the victims of America's nuclear testing. The *Oppenheimer* film tells a compelling story of these test programs. But it does not tell the story of the Americans left behind—still reckoning with the health and financial consequences of America's nuclear research, after all these years. Shouldn't the victims who are still paying the price have a voice, too?

Across the nation, thousands of Americans currently suffer from cancer and other debilitating medical conditions, brought on by long-term radiation exposure. In places like my home state of Missouri, the radioactive waste of the Manhattan Project was never fully cleaned up. In many Western states, Americans living downwind from nuclear tests were never told the truth of their exposure and its consequences. In both cases, innocent people have suffered for decades. And now Congress stands poised to allow what limited compensation the government has offered victims to expire. That cannot be allowed to happen. These victims deserve justice through fair compensation from their government—and you can help by telling their stories.

The *Oppenheimer* film closes with a haunting image of the world consumed in nuclear fire. That particular future has not yet come to pass. But countless good Americans have already paid a price for their government's negligence in testing and failure to clear up nuclear waste. They have the right to be heard on a national stage—especially yours.

Sincerely,



Josh Hawley
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