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Senator Mary L. Landrieu

TO:

Dennis Rathbun, OCA

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DESC:

Use of Recycled Radioactive Material in
Consumer Products (Bill & Julie Hihar)

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MARY L. LANDRIEU
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1804

June 13, 2000

Mr. Dennis K. Rathbun
Director
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Congressional Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

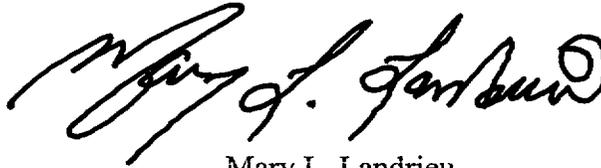
Because of my desire to be responsive to all inquiries, I respectfully request your attention to the enclosed correspondence which I received from one of my constituents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hihar of Chalmette, Louisiana.

I will appreciate your findings and views, along with the **return of the enclosures**, on or before July 13, 2000.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary L. Landrieu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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Enclosure

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1804

June 13, 2000

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hihar
3425 Palmisano Boulevard
Chalmette, Louisiana 70043

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hihar:

Thank you very much for letting me hear from you concerning recycling of radioactive metals. Also, I ask that you please accept my sincere apology for the delay in my response to you.

I will certainly be pleased to look into this matter for you, and have taken the liberty of contacting the appropriate officials, here in Washington, to request a report. I will be back in touch with you as soon as I receive any additional information.

I appreciate your bringing this important matter to my attention, and I hope that you will continue to contact me when I can be of assistance to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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February 5, 2000



Senator Mary Landrieu
501 Magazine Street
New Orleans, La 70130

Dear Senator Landrieu:

Reported on the CBS Evening News recently was a story about the reuse of radioactive nickel to be made into everyday products such as eating utensils. It was pointed out in the story that the radiation was low level, equivalent to that found in salt substitute. There was no information given indicating that there had been tests performed to determine the effects of this radioactive material and if there is a cumulative effect depending on how many of these products will be found in a home. Also, it was news to us that salt substitute was radioactive. Has anyone tested the salt substitute radioactivity for adverse medical outcomes for the uses of this product?

We personally feel that contaminated nickel used in this way would be a threat to the health of the people in this country. Such practices would erode the confidence people have in the safety of the products that they use such as canned food and beverages, etc. When will we learn that it is wise to put the health and consumer confidence of people before money. We hope that you will do all that is possible to put a stop to this practice.

Sincerely,

Julie Hihar
Bill Hihar

Bill and Julie Hihar

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1804

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