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Chairman Richard A. Meserve
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Dear Chairman Meserve:

I would like to let you know of my concern for the safety and security of our country's nuclear power facilities. My interest and concern arises because the Three Mile Island nuclear facility is located in the 17th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, which I represent.

Both before and after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, I was contacted by citizens and elected officials from the municipalities around the TMI facility. My constituents have voiced a concern that the perimeter of the site was neither large enough, nor secure from a serious threat. I understand from communicating with Exelon Corporation, the operator of the facility, that their security is in accordance with standards set by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. With this in mind I ask that the NRC continue to review and improve the security standards of each and every nuclear facility.

In the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the nation must get back to normal. This does not mean easing back on security at these very sensitive nuclear facilities. If only for the peace of mind of those who live next door to these facilities, security must be stepped up indefinitely.

It is my understanding that the NRC is currently undertaking a total evaluation of security processes and a detailed analysis of terrorist threats. I urge you to expedite this process, and I ask that you keep me advised of your findings so I can then reassure my constituents.

I appreciate your careful consideration and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Gekas".

GEORGE W. GEKAS
Member of Congress