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President George W. Bush
The White House, Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear President Bush,

I see no Federal interest in protecting New York City and its environs from a risk of catastrophic proportions. This is presented by the continued operation of two aging, accident prone, nuclear reactors at Indian Point 35 miles from midtown Manhattan. Likewise, sixteen months after September 11, 2001, the spent fuel here and elsewhere has not been placed into hardened dry casks.

James Lee Witt's study, commissioned by Governor Pataki, says the evacuation plan for the Indian Point nuclear reactors cannot protect the public. Local residents have long known this. Westchester County and surrounding counties want the plants closed. As an accident could happen, it is an outrage to force local citizens to live with this risk. Federal Authorities are doing this. The apparent lack of Federal interest in closing these reactors must mean that the government gets its information about this from the nuclear industry. Where are independent assessments of the risks here? There are 20 million people within a 50 mile radius of Indian Point. This is the "peak injury" zone designated by government study.

Closing the reactors will significantly reduce death and illness should there be an accident or attack. This starts immediately and continues for several weeks. (Short lived radioactive material begins to die immediately and continues for several weeks.) No nuclear plant in this country operates within such a densely populated area. Present standards would not allow these reactors to be built there today.

How can I, and others, believe you and your administration are truly concerned about weapons of mass destruction? Your inaction on or denial of this problem undermines confidence in your assessments. I see no concern for the protection of American citizens in my neighborhood. In this regard, a war further jeopardizes our safety.

Please see that the Federal Government via its agencies protects New Yorkers and closes these Indian Point nuclear reactors and secures their spent fuel.

Sincerely,

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