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John Olver  
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TO:

Chairman Diaz

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**ACTION OFFICE:** EDO

**AUTHOR:** John Oliver  
**AFFILIATION:** REP  
**ADDRESSEE:** Nils Diaz  
**SUBJECT:** Request for an Independent Engineering Assessment at Vermont Yankee

**ACTION:** Signature of EDO  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2101

April 1, 2004

Nils Diaz, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Nils:

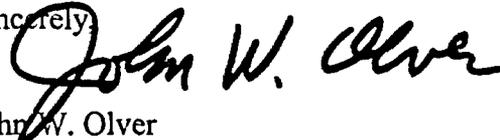
I am writing to urge you to conduct an independent engineering assessment at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant before permitting any uprate of the facility.

I represent the 1st Congressional District of Massachusetts and many of my constituents live within the fallout area of Vermont Yankee. I am therefore very concerned about plans to allow this 32 year-old facility to increase the number of fuel rods in its reactor core by 20%.

The Vermont Public Service Board requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission conduct an independent assessment to make sure that this plan would be safe, but I was disappointed to learn that your agency recently denied their request. My constituents and their Vermont neighbors deserve every assurance that Vermont Yankee's plan is completely safe and feasible. I strongly believe that only an independent assessment, in conjunction with your findings, can provide this. Therefore, I am asking that you reconsider your decision before moving forward on approving Vermont Yankee's plan.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



John W. Olver  
Member of Congress

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