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Dear Sir or Madam:

I respectfully request your Commission to upgrade the Design Basis Threat (DBT) for U.S. nuclear power stations by adopting all the recommendations of the Petition for Rulemaking to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission filed by the Committee to Bridge the Gap (CBG) on November 8, 2004 (Federal Register, Voume 69, Number 215; "Upgrading the Design Basis Threat Regulations for Protection Against Terrorist Attacks on Nuclear Reactors").

Despite "classification" of the DBT following the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, it is well known that the DBT has yet to be updated so substantially as to protect against the sophistication and ferocity of those attacks. The CBG's petition addresses this grave oversight pointedly, and has been crafted in conformity with all statutory requirements -- as well as pragmatic considerations of cost and technical feasibility. Implementing the CBG's recommendations would accomplish your Commission's mandate to regulate the nuclear power industry in the public interest, in respect of the formidable threat of radiologically-enhanced sabotage. Resistance against or rejection of those recommendations would not only compromise the integrity of your public mission but also endanger the very health and safety of the people you are charged to protect.

I urge you to adopt the recommendations of this petition from the CBG with all possible speed -- as I will be urging my Senators and Representative to scrutinize your accommodation of my request.

Very truly yours,

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