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Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852-2738

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I write to share my concerns regarding the revision of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) regulations, 10 CFR Part 35, addressing the medical use of radioisotopes.

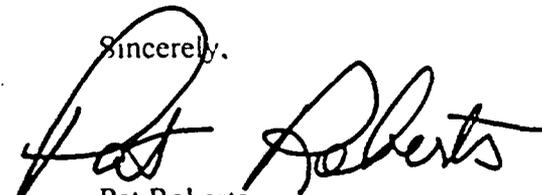
The record of safe usage of radioisotopes compiled over many years under NRC licensure is impressive. However, I am concerned that the Commission may be considering efforts to weaken the training and experience necessary to become licensed to use radioisotopes diagnostically. Severe reductions in required training and experience could seriously jeopardize patient care. I urge you to carefully consider the implications of a reduction in training and the impact such reductions could have on the quality of patient care.

I understand the American College of Radiology has submitted to the NRC recommendations regarding these training and experience requirements. I urge you to give these comments your serious consideration.

I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your attention to this important matter.

With every best wish,

Sincerely,


Pat Roberts

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