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Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Dr. Jackson:

It has been brought to my attention by some of my constituents in the radiology community that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is revising its regulations governing the medical use of radioisotopes.

I understand these revisions involve 10 CFR Part 35.100, 200 and 300. Specifically, my constituents are concerned that the early drafts of the revisions by the NRC staff would considerably reduce the training and experience requirements necessary to become licensed to use radioisotopes diagnostically. My constituents indicate that NRC's draft proposal raises safety concerns.

In accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, I would appreciate your advising me of the status of the NRC's proposal. I would also like to know how the NRC will ensure that patient safety (as well as that of the health care provider) is not compromised under this proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Rob Portman
Representative

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