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Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission--RE PRM-73-12

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Dear Secretary,

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I support the recommendations of the Committee to Bridge the Gap to upgrade the woefully inadequate protection of nuclear power plants from terrorist attack, and to replace the regulations governing the NRC's "design basis threat."

Inasmuch as nuclear power plant designs did not allow for attack by air, including suicide airplane attack and it is highly unlikely that they could be retrofitted to protect against breaching of sensitive plant facilities that might expose the public to substantial radiation releases, it is appropriate to consider immediate construction of shields to indirectly protect those facilities.

Experience has shown the complete inadequacy of the DBT regulations, which should immediately be upgraded as recommended by the Committee.

Sincerely,

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