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To the Secretary:

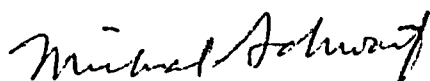
We are writing to support the proposed amendments to the "design basis threat" regulations as suggested by the Committee to Bridge the Gap. We particularly urge the protection of nuclear power plants using a "Beamhenge" or similar technology.

Since 9/11, American citizens have been subjected to a number of security measures such as increased searches at airports, stadiums and public buildings, prohibitions on carrying objects such as nail clippers and pocket knives at such places, etc. We have joined most Americans in accepting these measures in the name of safety, even though they impose some restrictions in our liberties. We also recognize that these measures address only part of the terrorist threat.

The construction of I-beams around nuclear power plants presents an opportunity to decrease the risk to American lives at modest economic cost. Moreover, unlike airport searches and similar measures, the "Beamhenge" concept increases public safety without imposing limitations or inconvenience upon citizens. No security measure is perfect, but if even a moderate increase in safety can be achieved at low cost, it is worth doing.

American citizens are doing their part to decrease the risk of terrorism at airports and other public places. We ask that the NRC complement these efforts by mandating the construction of physical barriers around nuclear power facilities and enacting such other measures as will increase public safety.

Very truly yours,



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