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I am writing to express my support of the
 Last year, our friends at Committee to Bridge the Gap (CBG) filed a
 Petition for Rulemaking to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (posted
 in the Federal Register on November 8, 2004, Volume 69, Number 215) for
 Upgrading the Design Basis Threat Regulations for Protection Against
 Terrorist Attacks on Nuclear Reactors--filed by the Committee to Bridge the
 Gap (CBG).

I am extremely concerned about vulnerabilities at America's nuclear power
 plants. I am in support of the request to
 upgrade the Design Basis Threat (DBT) for U.S. nuclear power stations
 revising DBT regulations to require NRC and the nuclear power industry to
 contemplate and prepare for an attack of nuclear power stations by air by
 constructing shields consisting of (inexpensive and quick-to-assemble)
 steel I-beams and steel cabling to obstruct the angle of air attack at
 stand-off distances from the reactor building, fuel pool and other
 safety-related assets so that hijacked, rented or private aircraft
 (potentially carrying explosives) attempting to deliberately crash into a
 reactor site would be torn up in the Beamhenge shield effectively reducing
 the impact and penetration force on safety-related structures.

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The reform attempts that the NRC has made since the September 11 attacks are
 far from protective. In September 2004, a Government Accountability Office
 (GAO) report concluded that NRC's new security initiatives were largely a
 paper review. The NRC did not visit sites to verify compliance nor request
 facilities to submit documents that supported security upgrades. In fact,
 GAO concluded it will be at least three more years before NRC will have
 data to validate whether site-specific upgraded security plans are adequate.

This is most distressing and I urge you to make significant changes as
 noted in this petition.

Sincerely,

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