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Dear Secretary,

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As I'm sure you know, if a nuclear plant's containment shell and reactor core, or spent fuel pools, are ever breached, a terrible explosion of radioactivity, on a par with the Chernobyl accident, would ensue. Millions of Americans would be placed in harm's way. Unfortunately, America's nuclear plants are highly vulnerable to attack. Fortunately, such a cataclysm is preventable.

I am greatly concerned about vulnerabilities at America's nuclear power plants. I am aware that in the aftermath of the September 11 attack, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has attempted some reforms, but are they sufficient?

I have recently read that in September 2004, a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report concluded that it will be at least three more years before NRC will have data to validate whether site-specific upgraded security plans are adequate. ✓

Stricter nuclear safety standards must be a priority; can we afford to wait three years?

Thank you for considering these remarks.

Sincerely,

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