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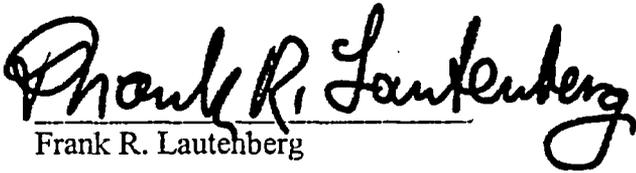
Dear Secretary Cook:

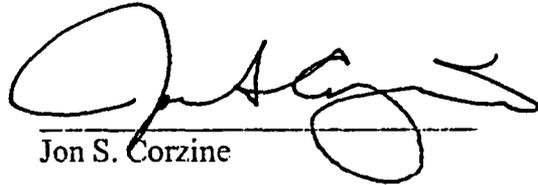
We write to request that you extend the public comment period for the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the Committee to Bridge the Gap, to upgrade protections against terrorist attacks on nuclear facilities (10 CFR 73). The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission proposed this rule on November 8, 2004, and today, January 24, 2005, is the final day for the public to submit comments.

As you know, New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the nation and concerns have been raised about the security of New Jersey's four nuclear reactors, which are at risk for a potential terrorist attack. We have been contacted by many New Jersey residents concerned with these issues.

We are confident that these residents are interested in commenting on the recently announced rulemaking. However, it has come to our attention that citizens and public interest advocates did not receive word of the public comment period until last week. We therefore request that you extend the public comment period for an additional sixty days.

Sincerely,


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