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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

November 21, 2006

Mr. Dennis Rathbun
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, District of Columbia 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

I am referring the enclosed inquiry from a number of my constituents regarding having the Nuclear Regulatory Commission become a more aggressive enforcer of federal safety regulations to your office.

My constituent would appreciate your careful consideration of these remarks, and your thoughts on what remedies there are for this situation. Please respond directly to them and send a copy to me.

The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
Attention: Nadia Naviwala

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

202-223-6162

TO: Senator Bill Nelson
U.S. Senate
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

FROM: John Zohn
4365 1st St
Vero Beach, FL 32968-2358

SUBJECT: Improve Nuclear Power Safety

DATE: October 22, 2006 05:51 PM

Dear Senator Nelson:

I am writing to ask you to increase the safety of U.S. nuclear power plants by compelling the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to be a more aggressive enforcer of federal safety regulations.

A recent study by the Union of Concerned Scientists shows that nuclear power plants are not safe enough. The report, "Walking a Nuclear Tightrope: Unlearned Lessons of Year-plus Reactor Outages," examines the 51 times when nuclear plants have shut down for a year or longer to restore safety levels. It finds that most of the outages can be blamed on poor management and ineffective oversight by the NRC. That must change.

The UCS study provides five ways the NRC can improve--from better assessments of how plants find and fix their own problems to requiring plant owners to determine why failures occur and why the problems that cause them were not found earlier.

Congress must require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to provide regular status reports on progress made towards improving its oversight of nuclear plants. Otherwise, declining safety performance could result in a nuclear disaster rather than a costly year-plus outage.

Sincerely,

John Zohn

10/22/2006 6:04PM

202-223-6162

Linda Schineller

3618 Cottage Club Lane , Naples, FL 34105

October 20, 2006 06:10 PM

Senator Bill Nelson
U.S. Senate
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Improve Nuclear Power Safety

Dear Senator Nelson:

I am writing to ask you to increase the safety of U.S. nuclear power plants by compelling the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to be a more aggressive enforcer of federal safety regulations.

I find it appalling to learn that Nuclear Power Plants are regulated so poorly. Everywhere we go today it is frustrating as employers employ people who are substandard. I am guessing it is because the pay is poor. It seems like if you have a heartbeat or are breathing, boom, you are hired. But, for important work one would think that employees would be hired properly, paid accordingly and scrutinized.

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With thanks in advance for your attention to this matter, I am,

Sincerely,

Linda Schineller

10/20/2006 6:11PM

202-223-6162

Kelley Updike

2041 Whitney Nicole Ln , Jacksonville, FL 32216-3189

October 24, 2006 07:17 PM

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U.S. Senate
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Kelley Updike

10/24/2006 7:19PM

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October 24, 2006 10:21 PM

Jarod Rosello

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