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TO:

Rathbun, OCA

FOR SIGNATURE OF : \*\* GRN \*\* CRC NO: 06-0618

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Improving Oversight of Nuclear Power Plants

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**United States Senate**

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

December 5, 2006

**BILL NELSON**  
FLORIDA

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

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

I am referring the enclosed inquiry from my a number of my constituents, regarding the improvement of nuclear power plant safety to your office.

My constituents 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, slightly slanted style.

202-223-6162

November 6, 2006 05:56 AM

## **Marjory Shelton**

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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.

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,

Marjory Shelton

202-223-6162

November 7, 2006 09:14 PM

**kimberly wilson**

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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.

With nuclear energy obviously back on the table to reduce global warming, safety of these plants is essential.

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kimberly wilson

11/07/2006 9:16PM

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November 10, 2006 12:15 PM

## Mary Detrick

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

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Sincerely,

Mary Detrick

11/10/2006 1:04PM

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**Christopher Sego**

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November 12, 2006 11:03 AM

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

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Sincerely,  
Christopher Sego

11/12/2006 11:05AM

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November 14, 2006 11:45 AM

**j.a. hoffman**

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Sincerely,  
j.a. hoffman

11/15/2006 6:59AM





**OFFICE OF SENATOR BILL NELSON**

To: Dennis Rathbun

Fax Number: 301 415 8571

From: Nadia Navinwala

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

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