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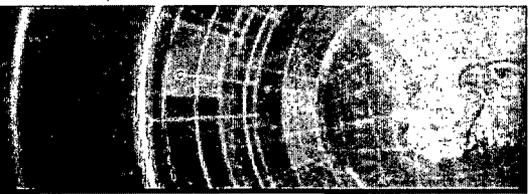
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January 19, 2007

The Honorable Dale Klein
Chairman
The Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Klein:

It is my understanding there is a policy debate underway at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) about the stringency of security requirements for new reactors. In particular, recent reports in the media and on your website indicate that the NRC is considering whether to require additional improvements in new reactor designs to better protect against a possible terrorist attack at a plant using large commercial aircraft.

As Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I write to share my views with you and the other Commissioners on this matter.

To be clear, I remain skeptical that there is a completely "terrorism-proof" reactor design given what we now know about the ever changing nature of terrorist attack methods and the willingness to use suicide attackers to deploy them. However, given reports that al Qaeda considered nuclear plant targets prior to carrying out the September 11, 2001 attacks on our country, it is critically important that the NRC take strong steps to ensure any new nuclear power reactors that may be built in the U.S. are designed to have the best chance of withstanding a commercial aircraft attack. The communities that may consider future new plants need to be confident that the NRC, as the regulator charged with nuclear safety, did all it could to ensure that such plants were safer and more secure than the current fleet.

The NRC already relies on design elements to ensure that facilities survive in the event of accident, natural disaster, or attack. I ask that the NRC seriously consider whether additional design elements can be incorporated up-front, as the safety and security of potential new facilities is of the highest priority. I hope you act to take advantage of the advances in technology and the much better understanding of terrorist threats that have evolved since reactors were last designed many decades ago.

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I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Boxer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Barbara Boxer
Chairman

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Attached is a letter from Senator Boxer to Chairman Klein and Commissioners Lyons, Merrifield, Jaczko, and McGaffigan re: the issue of new reactor design and aircraft attacks. Please share with them, and hard copies will be arriving by post.

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