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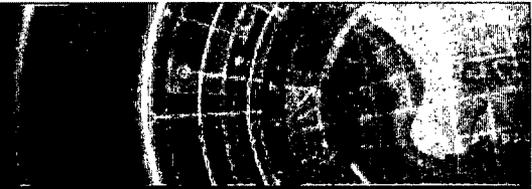
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Dear Mr. Klein,

I have received the enclosed correspondence from a constituent, Mike Blanco. It regards the safety of nuclear power plants. They are requesting a more aggressive approach to regulation.

Due to the desire of my office to be responsive to all inquiries, your consideration of the enclosed correspondence will be greatly appreciated. Please reply directly to the correspondent, and forward a copy of that response to me, marked to the attention of Trent Carroll in my Washington office.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,


JOHN ENSIGN
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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Senator John Ensign
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Dear Senator or Representative,

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,
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