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Mr. Steve Reynolds
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Dear Mr. Reynolds,

I have been doing some research regarding the issue of Cesium-137 irradiators. As I am sure you are already aware, cesium-137 is a potent radionuclide that has the potential of being used for a dirty bomb.

I have recently been made aware of a federal report that called for replacing the over 1,000 irradiators located throughout the country because they contain cesium-137 and represent an increased security concern. Because of this I am considering introducing legislation to ensure that the citizens of this State are properly protected. My current endeavors are focused on gathering the information that will tell me how serious of an issue this is and what the best action to take would be.

I would like to respectfully request information regarding Cesium-137 as it pertains to the state of Michigan. After some preliminary research, I have been directed to you as the person to obtain this information from. I would like to know how many cesium-137 irradiators there are in the State of Michigan and what their locations are. I would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul E. Opsommer".

Paul E. Opsommer
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