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Dr. Peter B. Lyons Commissioner Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Dr. Lyons,

I want to express to you my sincere gratitude for testifying earlier this month at the Environment and Public Works hearing addressing the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Reactor Oversight Process. Your testimony is valuable to members of the Committee and I truly value your thoughts and insights into the nuclear industry and the operations of the NRC. I want to particularly thank you for raising the issue of NRC's office space. You as Commissioner have an overwhelming responsibility and I am heartened to know that you are paying attention to every detail. I stand ready to do everything I can to address this and any other issue facing the Agency.

Senators rely on witnesses such as you to provide candid and accurate testimony when appearing before our committees. I am grateful for your time and effort. Going forward, I would ask my staff to rely on you as a resource regarding this issue. Likewise, should you wish to share additional information with us that might be helpful or should you need assistance, please feel free to call on me or my staff at anytime.

Again, I thank you for your testimony and devotion to this issue. With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Tom Carper

U.S. Senator