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Dr. Peter B. Lyons
Commissioner
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Commissioner Lyons,

Thank you for your recent testimony at the NRC oversight hearing on the licensing and relicensing processes for nuclear plants. I believe it was a very good hearing with productive dialogue.

I appreciated hearing about Next Generation Nuclear Plants and the NRC's ongoing work with the Department of Energy. Your point about dedicated funding for advanced research and development was well received. I believe that it is premature to adopt the legislation proposed by the Commission regarding eliminating unrequested hearings, however we should continue to work together to ensure that public participation during licensing processes is as valuable as possible. Thank you again for your service.

Thank you again for your service and for your testimony. With best personal regards, I am

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Carper
U.S. Senator

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