

## UNITED STATES SENATE WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Dr. Gregory B. Jackzo Commissioner Nuclear Regulatory Commission 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Commissioner Jackzo,

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.

It was reassuring to hear that although there is work to do reviewing and updating existing processes, the NRC is well prepared to handle new reactors. Please keep me and my staff informed on your progress in getting a definite answer regarding the NRC's ability to operate under a Continuing Resolution. This issue is critical to the Commission's ability to carry out their regulatory mission.

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

Sincerely yours,

Tom Carper

U.S. Senator