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To the N.R.C. Commissioners,

As a resident of Westchester County,
living within short distance of Indian Point,
I wish to comment on the Union of Concerned
Scientists petition decision, as part of the
"public comment" requested recently.

I believe that the decision made on
that U.C.S. petition is totally inadequate,
that the actions taken to improve safety at
Indian Point will not be sufficient to ensure
our safety. I urge that the N.R.C. set
up a new board to deal with Atomic
Safety & also handle the licensing procedure
which could give the U.C.S. petition a
formal hearing; in this way problems cited
by the U.C.S. petition could be heard,
point by point and we could address
ourselves to the dangers of siting,
evacuation problems and the safety of

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the physical plant. Then, safeguards could be established in which we could maintain a degree of confidence.

It is important to deal with the U.C.S. petition in a serious and thorough manner and I must say that I and many others were shocked by the casual manner in which it was received and handled.

I would like to see the N.R.C. commissioners themselves make determinations regarding final safety procedures.

Meanwhile before this can be accomplished, there is no justification for keeping Indian Point II + III open.

Yours Truly,
Saritá Copeland.