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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

The problem with nuclear reactors is that while the probability of problems is low, the costs and consequences when they occur can become staggeringly, unimaginably high, to the point where they become extremely hard to predict, as we see now in Japan.

Any new nuclear reactors that are built in the US must be held to far higher standards than are applied currently. They must be overbuilt in the extreme, and engineered to clarify their operations, to try to ensure that the extreme consequences of a malfunction never occur. If that changes the economics of nuclear power, so be it. In the worst case, if something goes wrong with a reactor, we're dealing with possible long-term impacts on many thousands of lives, and potentially a serious blow to our economy as well. Please do NOT fast-track the AP 1000's license application.

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