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Senator Robert Menendez

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Chairman Jaczko

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Safety of Our Aging Nuclear Power Plants with  
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June 6, 2012

The Honorable Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Jaczko,

I want to thank you for the Nuclear Regulatory Commissions' decision to hold this public forum. After cutting out the town hall component of the March meeting, I received several complaints from my constituents. And after hearing from my staff, the NRC organized this additional meeting. I thank you for that, but hope in the future your annual open houses always have an open, public session whereby concerned citizens can express their views.

Safety, of course, is priority number one when it comes to nuclear power plants. As the oldest still operating nuclear power plant that priority is of even greater urgency when discussing the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant...especially following the Fukushima Dai-ichi disaster. That is why it is so important that the Commission quickly and comprehensively review all of the safety recommendations.

Yesterday I wrote you about the need to quickly consider whether filters should be installed on all containment vents. As you know, there have been reports that workers at the Fukushima Dai-ichi facility delayed opening containment vents because they feared sending radioactive materials into the atmosphere. This delay may have contributed to explosions related to the buildup of gases within the facilities.

Previously, I have written you with concerns about how relicensing decisions are made, about tritium leaks at the Oyster Creek facility, and about the need to completely reevaluate safety considerations of Mark I containment systems following the disaster in Japan. While the Commission has been responsive to my inquiries and has shown a shared concern about safety, these responses haven't fully addressed the issues raised, and as a result they have not allayed my concerns.

I believe the NRC needs to do more to address the safety of our aging nuclear power plants, and needs to act with more urgency to address identified areas of concern.

Again, thank you for holding this meeting. I look forward to working with you to ensure our nuclear fleet operates as safely as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Menendez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "M".

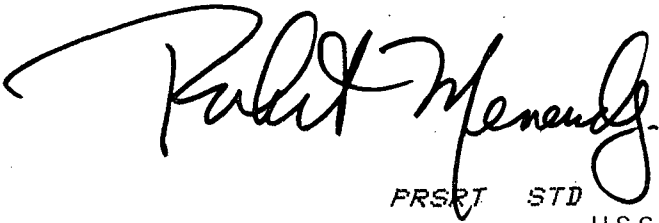
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