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To:
Secretary Annette Vietti-Cook

Please convey this message to the members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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We urge you, the Commissioners of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to affirm the NRC staff's post-Fukushima recommendation to require engineered radiation filters on hardened containment vents at all 31 GE Mark I and Mark II nuclear reactors in the U.S. The health and welfare of New England residents who would be affected by catastrophic releases from Vermont Yankee or Pilgrim nuclear generating stations (as well as the public at 29 other Mark I and Mark II units) are more important than any costs associated with the overdue upgrades to these inherently inadequate and failure-prone reactor containment systems.

In the next few weeks or so, you will vote on whether to affirm the recommendation of your own highly trained technical staff's call for installing filtered vents for radiation on all Mark 1 And Mark II nuclear reactors, including Vermont Yankee, or to vote to protect the nuclear industry from such safety-related expenses post Fukushima.

This is an extremely important vote for those of us in the communities around the 31 affected reactor units and we ask your help today. European reactors have installed filtered vents years ago when it was established beyond a doubt that the small weak containments on these reactors would fail during a major accident as in Japan's Fukushima reactors. Japan is requiring filtered vents for their remaining reactors. Your Commission should do the same.

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