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I understand that the NRC Commissioners soon will vote on whether or not to require filters and rupture discs on vents used to relieve pressure from containments in a severe accident in reactors designed and manufactured by General Electric.

These Mark I and Mark II reactors have already demonstrated their shocking and dangerous vulnerability to such accidents at Fukushima in March 2011. These reactors suffer from serious and fundamental design deficiencies, provide only a small amount of the nation's electricity, and should obviously for scientific and safety be permanently closed.

But nearly two years after Fukushima, the NRC's leaders have not performed their constitutional task. They have essentially done nothing to enhance the safety of these reactors. In a severe accident the amount of radioactivity released offsite from an unfiltered vent would be very large and damaging.

It makes no sense not to add a filter to protect our families and property from contamination. They do not belong on Earth when they cannot be safe, protected, repairable, etc. They do not belong within 100 miles of any major city, especially New York.

Filtered systems are available, tested and in use today--for example in Sweden, Germany, France, Switzerland and will be installed in Japan. We shouldn't have to learn the hard way, as did Japan, the danger of not requiring filters and rupture discs before the accident.

As part of the Fukushima Lessons Learned Task Force, the NRC Staff recommended such filtering. But the nuclear industry has been lobbying shamelessly against even this simple common-sense measure, perhaps because these feeders at the [public trough are concerned more with the size of a bank accounts than with public safety.

I urge the NRC Commissioners to act to permanently close these dangerous reactors as quickly as possible. In the interim, the Commissioners must require installation of these filtered vent systems. But the worst reactors such as San Onofre and Indian Point must be shut down. Scientists say it; and assert the same truths.

Thank you.

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