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RE: San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS)

Dear Chairman Boxer and Ranking Member Waxman:

I would like to express my gratitude to both of you for helping to ensure rigorous oversight of the San Onofre nuclear reactors. I am grateful that Ranking Member Waxman pushed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Chairman to seriously examine the need for a license amendment regarding Southern California Edison's (Edison's) proposed restart of Unit 2 at partial power. Chairman Boxer also showed exemplary leadership by calling attention to a Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) report that reveals new details about the design and fabrication of Edison's now crippled San Onofre replacement steam generators and about the possibility that Edison was trying to avoid a license amendment before the faulty equipment was installed. I appreciate that Congressional pressure has recently resulted in the NRC releasing a redacted form of this report to public. I also applaud Chairman Boxer for urging the NRC to make no decision about restarting San Onofre before completing its ongoing investigation of the many essential issues, including those raised by the report.

I was heartened by Edison's announcement that it may finally request a license amendment regarding its experimental restart plan for San Onofre's Unit 2, except that the utility adds in its press release that it "will submit a 'No Significant Hazards Consideration' analysis demonstrating that the license amendment does not involve any significant safety risks." A No Significant Hazards Consideration (NSHC) would effectively deny the public a meaningful public hearing and critical independent expert review before the license amendment is issued. This is unacceptable. Public trust will not be restored by continued attempts to avoid such a hearing process, and this type of effort to convince the public that minor technical license amendments are sufficient.

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Furthermore, the NRC has scheduled the meeting to discuss Edison's license amendment and probable NSHC request in Rockville, MD. The appropriate place for such a meeting is in Southern California, where it would be accessible to those citizens whose lives will be most impacted by the matters discussed. The agency has said that this is unfeasible, but this ought to be reconsidered.

I hope and trust you will continue to exercise your strong leadership and regulatory oversight capacity by urging the NRC to require that Edison undergo the rigors of a thorough license amendment and public adjudicatory hearing on all the San Onofre safety issues before a decision is made on restarting the reactors, and to deny any request from SCE for a NHSC. I also request that you insist the agency hold their April 3 meeting about Edison's license amendment request in the impacted region, namely Southern California. As public officials representing Southern California communities, our constituents risk being seriously harmed in the event of a major nuclear accident at San Onofre, so it is imperative to us that any decisions about restarting the crippled reactors are made with maximum deliberation and meaningful opportunity for input from the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DAVE ROBERTS
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Dear Chairman Boxer and Ranking Member Waxman:

Please see attached letter from County of San Diego Supervisor Dave Roberts thanking you for helping ensure rigorous oversight of the San Onofre nuclear reactors and requesting you ask the NRC hold their April 3 meeting.

Thank you,

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