

CHAIRMAN Resource

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Chairman Kristine L. Svinicki,

I am forwarding this letter to you as it is intimately tied up with NRC concerns and actions. I very much appreciate your time and attention.

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Hon. Congresswoman Gabbard,

I write this letter to you both as entreaty and as encomium.

I am impressed, moved by and proud of your efforts, your service (in both the legislative branch and Department of Defense) and your ethical stands and presence in our political arena. You've proven time and again that your concern is for your fellow citizens and human beings. You've defended the voiceless and the underrepresented with *éclat* and elan. I believe you to be the fairest and most level-headed of our congress-persons.

It is in this mind that I have decided to contact you and share some heavy concerns I have about the ongoing safety of our collective environment, our ecology and the very biosphere we all depend on and call home. The challenge uniquely and acutely facing all of us is reducible to one discrete term: Nuclear.

There are many very hard truths we must face up to, in very short order, or face consequences too grievous to enumerate or bear. I will do my best summarize the most salient and pressing of these for the interest of brevity, as I know your schedule is a most hectic one.

1. We are facing an epic collapse of the flora and fauna of the Pacific Ocean, which only worsens each day. The fisheries that line the west coast of all of the Americas have seen sharp declines, and many of them appear to be on the verge of extinction. It can no longer be denied that the compounding effects of the dumping of radioactive wastes, water and by-products as a result of the multiple melt-downs at Fukushima, Japan immediately subsequent to the march 11 Tsunami have tragically poisoned the fragile and deeply interwoven living envelope of the vast ocean. Tide-Pools are scoured clean of life, Dead whales are washing up alarmingly everywhere, and the Salmon catch is almost non-existent for 2016.

2. Nuclear is a wasteful, extraordinarily dirty, and very unstable technology. There is no safe way to permanently store the waste. The reactors themselves are unstable and many of them have structural faults do to age or short-cuts in their manufacture. There are accidents which have gone either unreported, or are under-reported.

3. Public Safety. The efficacy of the very system which is supposed to monitor the radiation levels in North America, Rad-Net, is in question. For some intriguing reason, this system was even disabled soon after the Nuclear accident in Fukushima. One wonders why this was done.

4. Drinking Water. The acceptable limit on radiation has been raised multiple times by the prior administration. This is exceedingly dangerous, and a very disingenuous gesture, by the departing admin. It speaks volumes on the changing threat that these by-products are causing to our environment. The risks posed by such actions need not be explicated. Nuclear IS Cancer.

5. One can only characterize the actions of those associated with and in support of all things Nuclear as members of a quasi-mafia, a veritable cartel, of mining, banking and academic interests, who have apparently glommed onto vaunting nuclear as the best way to feather their collective nests. It is beyond appalling, and abhorrent that these aforementioned "interests" would choose to lobby for a technology which is, at this very moment, threatening many species with extinction, and may yet collapse the very food-chain upon which humanity depends.

Finally, there is a class-action lawsuit pending in California, The USS Reagan vs TEPCO, which has been mired in legal wrangling for years now. The plaintiffs in the case are sailors who served on the Nimitz Class Aircraft Carrier USS Reagan during a humanitarian response to the Fukushima disaster. For reference, this was called Operation Tomodachi.

Very many of those that served on this cruise have since come down with a disturbing array of cancers, tumors, and undiagnosed illnesses and symptoms. I myself am a former sailor (USSOUTHCOM 1993-1997) and am deeply troubled by the neglect and dismissal of these sailors' complaints and suffering. I will do all I can to stand with them and to aid them in their fight.

"Lawyers for the sailors say any delay in the case is a delay of justice and proper health resources for these radiation-affected people. It's been about 4 years already since the suit began and only judicial and legal wrangling has been undertaken in court. Specifics of the catastrophe, exposure scenarios and health information has not been allowed as of yet. According to plaintiffs' lawyers, this is a ploy by TEPCO to keep the case from being heard." –

<http://www.beyondnuclear.org/radiation-health-whats-new/2016/10/6/uss-reagan-sailors-one-step-closer-to-justice.html>

I fear we all may fall under the Endangered Species Act before too long. Thanks so much for your attention to these matters.

Respectfully,
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