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The Honorable Tom Ridge
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Dear Governor Ridge:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I wish to convey our thanks and appreciation to you for delivering the keynote address at our February 15, 2017, Knowledge Management Seminar, "60 Years of Emergency Preparedness: 9/11, Katrina, and Rita."

You made an indelible mark on the NRC staff and leadership by sharing your personal experiences, perspectives, and demonstrated expertise in security, cyber security, and emergency preparedness. I also very much appreciated your recognition of the value of each NRC employee and his/her contribution to public health and safety and the NRC's mission.

We have captured the lessons and insights you shared on risks and how they are varied and global, the need for a culture of preparedness through real world exercises, and the concept of mutual aid. Lastly, your emphasis on effective communication and the value of leadership engendering commitment was invaluable.

Again, I want to convey our sincerest thanks to you for taking time to visit us and sharing your knowledge and personal experiences.

Sincerely,

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