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Shirley Jackson, Chairman  
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Washington, DC 20555

Dear Ms. Jackson:

You have reportedly said, "The performance of Commonwealth Edison over the years has been fairly dismal." With that record how can you and others in good conscience even think of placing such trust and responsibility of handling plutonium to ComEd given their poor track record?

This past January four of their plants were placed on the Watch List for the second time!

Half of their plants I believe are still on the Watch List. They have been fined as early as 1986 and again in 1994 and '95 for firing people who were dedicated and honest enough to blow the whistle on safety problems and shoddy inspection procedures.

Allowing ComEd to use plutonium is contrary to long-established U.S. policy not to use reprocessed plutonium in civilian reactors. Further, taxpayers would have the added burden of billions of dollars for the reprocessing and additional security costs.

Do not create a market for the plutonium. It is a difficult problem. At best there is no real solution yet, but to use it in civilian reactors is fraught. Store it safely until??

Who will have the common sense to say, "Stop producing nuclear weapons so that we will not add more radioactive waste that may fall into the wrong hands and/or be a threat to human life?" Will future generations say as we do that there was a victor in the Cold War with so much deadly radioactive waste scattered around the planet?

Yours for a better, radioactive-free world.

Sincerely,



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