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Secretary  
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

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ATTN: Docketing and Service Brance  
Re: Docket PRM-35-1 (44FR 26817)  
FR Doc 79-13952 Filed 5/4/78: 8:45A.M.

Dear Sir:

I wish to emphatically agree with and support the petition of Dr. George V. Taplin to rescind requirement that physicians use approved radiopharmaceuticals strictly in accord with manufacturers' package inserts.

Such requirements, although obviously well meant, will in fact have a poor long term effect - it will ensure the stagnation of medical practice either forcing continued use of outmoded techniques or encourage people to find ways around the rules. The Commission's authority should not be spent in such a dubious way but preserved for more fundamentally important issues.

It is common knowledge that package inserts are designed primarily to protect a manufacturer legally - to follow them to the letter is as often as not detrimental to the interests of the specific patient.

Very truly yours,

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Director  
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