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Chairman Joseph M. Hendrie
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Chairman Hendrie,

I am a resident of central Pennsylvania. My home is eighteen miles due west of Three Mile Island. Since the nuclear accident at TMI I, along with many others in this area, have been forced to ask ourselves some important questions about the risks we have been taking by allowing nuclear power plants to be built in this country. We have learned many things about nuclear power that were never mentioned before TMI showed the world that accidents do happen.

Now we are listening to the many physicists, physicians, and other well-informed professionals who are warning us of the contamination of our land, the cancer epidemics, the damage to the gene pool of the human race, and other horrors that a power plant gone haywire can cause. We are listening to them and we are beginning to believe them.

Reports of radiation leaks and contamination are becoming more common. We hear of radiation near old uranium mines, radiation near nuclear test sites, radiation from Three Mile Island, radiation from the Peach Bottom Plant nearby, radiation from many nuclear waste disposal sites, radiation emitting from rocks which were used to build buildings in the Denver area, and even radiation emitting from the Dirksen Senate Building in Washington, D. C.

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The list gets longer every day. Clearly, the nuclear industry has become a major health problem that affects the entire nation and it has the potential of becoming a major health catastrophe.

I thought it was the duty of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to keep our lives and property safe from exposure to harmful radiation. I trusted you to take every precaution to insure our safety. But time and time again people are being exposed to harmful radiation.

It is clear to me now that the NRC has failed in its duty to protect us and our environment. I feel that I cannot trust your commission to do its job. Most of my neighbors feel the same way.

The NRC has given licenses to power companies to run unsafe power plants and has not addressed itself at all to the problem of nuclear waste disposal. The power companies have cut corners and faked reports in order to make a bigger profit and the NRC has done nothing to stop them.

And now I find that three months after we almost lost the state of Pennsylvania to a nuclear tragedy the NRC is considering giving a license to the Zimmer power plant in Ohio. I understand that there is a school right next to this plant.

If a situation like that which occurred in Harrisburg were to happen at the Zimmer plant those kids wouldn't stand a chance of escaping the radiation. It took three days for us to find out that we were being exposed to harmful radiation.

How can you continue handing out licenses to these power companies when there are so many safety problems that have not been solved? To continue running the nuclear industry in this irresponsible manner will take away any credibility that the NRC still has. This is a time to reassess our policies regarding nuclear power. This is not a time to build more plants.

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I urge you to deny a license to the Zimmer plant and all nuclear plants until we have the technology to use nuclear power in a safe way. If we cannot guarantee the safety of nuclear power than we should turn to alternative sources of energy that do not have the potential to kill masses of people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anita L. Green". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent initial 'A'.

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