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Dear Mr. Hendrie:

I am writing in response to an interesting article in the Harrisburg Sunday Patriot News last week. It reported that it is your "druthers" to restart Unit 1 at Three Mile Island Generating Station as quickly as possible.

I am astonished! It looks like you've clearly shown your hand regarding YOUR decision in this important matter. But, aren't you just a bit premature with your stance? Or is it only the economic well being of Metropolitan Edison which you have at heart?

Aren't you interested in the safety of the reactor and in the health of the people living in the area? Wouldn't the Hearings proposed by your commission help answer some of these questions of Health and Safety, and wouldn't it be wiser to hear the evidence before making your decision?

Will you also not wait to see how safely the 950,000 gallons of highly radioactively contaminated water is disposed of from Unit 2 before opting to open Reactor 1? Do you know the status of the "leaky" pipes in Reactor 1 and how easily and safely they can be repaired? Will you not be interested to learn of the findings from the Kemeny Commission?

Are you unaware as to the feelings of the people who live in the area - almost all of whom were, to quote President Carter, "severely frightened" by the events of and following March 28? Many of these people - the vast majority, in a recent poll by State Senator George Gekas - want never again to see Three Mile Island operating as a nuclear power station. If you are aware of these feelings, aren't you reacting rather insensitively when you say that it is your "druthers" to restart Unit 1 at TMI as quickly as possible?

From one of those people who lives relatively close to the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station (6 miles) - ME, to one who does not - YOU, let me simply ask... What's the rush?????

Sincerely,

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