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Mr. J. F. Ahearne, Chairman  
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

It has come to my attention that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is studying the Office of State Programs and its relationship to your management. I agree and support periodic reviews of organizational structures; however, in view of some of the questions of Congressman M. K. Udall to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I feel that some information from the affected states is in order.

I feel that a single point of contact which can effectively work with all levels of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission management is vital. This contact should be of sufficient management level to provide direct; i.e. unfiltered, input to both the Commissioners and the Executive Director. Fractionating functions into other sections has not proven effective in the past since this results in major difficulties in getting a response for various staffs.

I strongly urge you not to subordinate the state contacts such that we cannot be effective in maintaining our agreement commitments.

Sincerely,

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cc: Alabama Congressional Delegation