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To Whom It May Concern:

I have an epileptic, mentally retarded daughter who will be 21 yrs. old in September. For the past 3 yrs. she has been receiving mega doses of vitamins and minerals to rebuild her body tissues, which have been broken down through the prolonged use of anti-convulsants, drugs and other medicines for colds, allergies, etc. She is also on a high protein diet which consists of all natural foods - no preservatives, no additives. She seems to thrive better without sugar and starch in her diet also. According to the format of preventive medicine, she needs to have her blood tested continuously to determine which vitamin or mineral she is lacking in. Also, every so often she needs to have a hair analysis for the same reason. The hair analysis, which is done in California, can be done through the mail by her doctor. But as for the blood test, the nearest place to us is in Princeton, New Jersey. It's not always possible for us to go even that far.

The reason I resorted to this extensive, and expensive, vitamin therapy is because 3 yrs. ago I was told her days were numbered and "any day now" she would start popping blood vessels and that I was to just "rush" her to the nearest hospital.

She became bed-ridden and lost her sense of balance. She couldn't walk alone without staggering like a drunken person. She had one infection after another, ran fever off and on and started to lose her color.

Well, this was 3 yrs. ago and she's still with me and her health is constantly improving. That is, until the Three Mile Island incident.

What this letter leads up to is, I just wonder how much more I can help restore her health with the threat of radiation in the air? It's quite discouraging to think about all the time and money I have spent on this child's rehabilitation, only to be faced with something like this.

Also, my daughter and her husband and their 2 children - 1 yr. old and 2 yr. old - live in Lexington, Kentucky. My son and his wife and their 4 mo. old son live in Kansas City, Missouri. We don't get to see them hardly at all and now, since TMI, they're afraid to bring their babies to see Granny and Pop-Pop in Middletown, Pa. Wonder if I could ask the owners of TMI to pay for my travel expense to go to Kentucky and Missouri so I can see my children and grandchildren?

I have another 19 yr. old daughter, Kathy, going into the Air Force in September. I would like to have all the family together to give her a farewell party. But her brother in Mo. is the father of a 4 mo. old. Her sister in Ky. is the mother of a 1 yr. old and a 2 yr. old, and they're afraid to bring their babies to Middletown. After all, pregnant women and mothers of 1 and 2 yr. olds had to LEAVE Middletown during the TMI accident.

Well, we're going to have a party - in Kentucky - which is the half-way point from here to Missouri, and vice-versa. But still more disheartening is the fact that Kathy's grandparents and other close relatives that live close to TMI cannot travel to Ky. for a final social family gathering for Kathy before she leaves for a 4 yr. hitch in the Air Force.

So you see - TMI has hurt this family - PLENTY! But I'm not going to sit back and pity myself for what TMI did to us! I'm going to stand up against that big monster and fight - whoever, or whatever - and just trust in God that it stays dead!

Very sincerely yours,

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