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Dear Mr. Keppler,

I am an independent candidate for Congress from the 22nd District of Ohio and am greatly alarmed about the danger poised to the public by the Davis Besse Nuclear Power Plant. This plant never should have been sited in a swamp area which has been subject to flooding during many Northeast storms. On November 14, 1972 there was a major Northeast storm when the plant was nearing completion and many workers were involved in construction. The water during the storm completely flooded the area, cutting all access to the plant. The storm was so intense that the dikes around the reactor building were breached and water hit the reactor and flooded the entire area within the dikes. The flooding was so complete that there was no landing place for the city of Sandusky was put out of operation for three days by the silt from the lake bottom which closed off the water intake pipe.

Three days after the storm, a series of twenty aerial photographs were taken of the plant and I have enclosed two. In the photo taken directly above the plant you will note two breaches in the dike where water runoff occurred. I have access to eye-witness reports of this storm and newspaper reports from the Port Clinton, Sandusky, and Toledo papers. Many times since this great storm, access roads to the plant have been flooded including route #2, the main East-West highway adjoining the plant. It was only six weeks ago that a northeaster closed access roads to the plant.

In checking the Corps of Engineers in Detroit, I have found to my great shock that the present water level of Lake Erie is today even higher than the abnormally high level which existed during the storm of November, 1972.

Without access to a nuclear plant during an emergency, and Davis Besse has had many, the public is endangered.

I feel that it is my duty as a candidate for Congress to obtain your comments on this matter and would appreciate hearing from you in this regard.

Sincerely, *Arnold Gleisser*
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