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Mr. John F. Ahearne, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Matomic Building  
1717 H. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

It has come to my attention that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission may be considering changes in the role of the Office of State Programs. I would not presume to offer suggestions to you and the Commission concerning organizational matters. However, I would like to submit for your consideration my strongest commendation of that office and its staff.

As Kentucky liaison to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the past several years, I have found that office to be, without exception, most helpful, cooperative, and responsive to state needs and concerns. I have frequently pointed out to colleagues that the NRC Office of State Programs is the most efficient and effective such office in the Federal government. I know that my opinion is shared by my colleagues in other Kentucky agencies having dealings with the NRC.

Whatever action may be taken concerning the Office of State Programs, I would only hope that a way is found to continue the excellent state services which have been heretofore provided.

Sincerely,

Damon W. Harrison  
Commissioner  
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