

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Honorable Kenneth M. Carr, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Carr:

Allow me to take this opportunity to wish you success in your new position as Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The mission of your agency is of vital importance to the public health and safety and to our energy future. The challenges before you are substantial. If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know. For the present, I am seeking your cooperation.

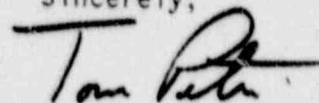
As Ranking Minority Member of the House Subcommittee responsible for federal office buildings, I have become quite concerned about whether our building are being designed, built or managed in ways that take full advantage of advances in computer and telecommunications technologies to provide federal agencies the most efficient and productive working environment. The billions of dollars that the federal government spends annually on information technology and office space clearly make this a matter worthy of our serious attention.

I have discussed this issue with several of my colleagues, who share my concern. That is why I plan to closely examine this subject to determine what legislative action would be appropriate to ensure that the federal government is not lagging behind the private sector, or worse yet, missing opportunities to improve the efficiency and productivity of the federal work force. You could greatly assist me by allowing Mr. Stephen Scott of your agency to work with me as I pursue this matter.

I ask for Mr. Scott's assistance because of the experience he gained during your Commission's consolidation in the White Flint building and the excellent working relationships he has with the Office of Technology Assessment, the Office of Management and Budget, and the General Services Administration. His participation would add significantly to the validity and timeliness of our efforts on this matter, and your agency would benefit greatly from the insights and knowledge he would gain through such participation. I trust that you agree, and look forward to working with you as efforts to construct the second White Flint building proceed.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



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