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Docket No. 50-289

Mr. Keith N. Waltz
1212 Louisa Street
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

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While the NRC is, of course, concerned about financial impacts on consumers and licensees, the NRC's primary responsibility is the assurance of public health and safety.

Your comments and interest in this matter are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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The President of the United States
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Right now every energy source available in the United States itself should be unfettered of all environmental restrictions, and reactor standards should be set at once so that any nuclear plant that conforms may be activated at once.

In connection with the latter, many of us in Pennsylvania believe that the accident at Three Mile Island has been blown all out of proportion, and that the reactor and its operators have been crucified by professional "aginners", vote-seeking demagogues, and the disaster-addicted, fright nurturing, show-biz oriented media.

This is the time for judgements to be based on facts rather than on emotions. And the fact is that TMI #1 needs no oil, no coal, no gas - only the atom. And it stands ready in this time of energy need for inspection, certification - and operation.

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If there are any questions relating to this matter, please contact S. Wookey, ext. 27435.