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Secretary of the Commission U.S.Nuclear Regulatory Commission Docketing and Service Branch, Docket # HRM-35-9 Washington, DC 20555

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## Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the American College of Nuclear Physicians and the Society of Nuclear Medicine. I am a practicing Nuclear Medicine physician at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa, Florida. I am deeply concerned over the revised 10 CFR 35 regulations (effective April, 1987) governing the medical use of byproduct material as they significantly impact my ability to practice highquality Nuclear Medicine/Nuclear Pharmacy and are preventing me from providing optimized care to individual patients.

1 strongly urge the NRC to adopt the ACNP/SNM Petition for Rulemaking as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely

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