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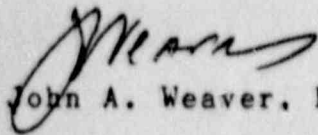
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am sending this letter in 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 in private practice in Richmond, Virginia. I am deeply concerned over the revised 10 CFR 35 regulation, (effective April, 1987) governing the medical use of byproduct material as they significantly impact my ability to practice high-quality Nuclear Medicine and are preventing me from providing optimized care to individual patients.

Although I am in private practice and do not get a chance to utilize all of the services in terms of the pharmacy or the IND medications, I do get request for services that have not been given official approval such as the use of thallium for evaluating ischemic areas and poor circulation in muscles, or the use of thallium in some thyroid tumors and parathyroid studies. To this date we have not done any of these procedures even though we have been license to do a number of procedures.

Therefore, in closing, I strongly urge the NRC to adopt the ACNP/SNM Petition for Rulemaking as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely yours,



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