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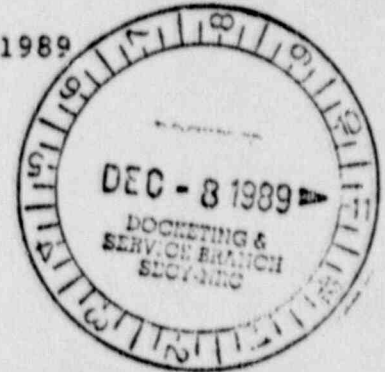
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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20555

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 Radiologist at Kennedy Memorial Hospitals-UMC in Stratford, New Jersey. I am deeply concerned over the revised 10 CFR 35 regulations 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.

The highly restrictive NTC regulations will only jeopardize public health and safety by: restricting access to appropriate Nuclear Medicine procedures; exposing patients to higher radiation absorbed doses from alternative legal, but non-optimal, studies; and exposing hospital personnel to higher radiation absorbed doses because of unwarranted, repetitive procedures.

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

Sincerely,

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Chief of Radiology

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