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Secretary of the Commission
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter is written on behalf of the 17,000 members of the American College of Cardiology. According to a recent poll, over 30 percent of our membership has some involvement in nuclear cardiology diagnostic testing Hence, the American College of Cardiology procedures. has a clear interest in this area. The American College of Cardiology has reviewed the petition for a rulemaking submitted by the American College of Nuclear Physicians and the Society of Nuclear Medicine to modify your Rule 10 CFR 35, effective April 1987 (Federal Register, Volume 54, No. 178, Page 38239, September 15, 1989). It is the view of the American College of Cardiology that the proposed changes would allow greater flexibility in both the clinical and research application of radioisotopes to the practice of nuclear medicine, without increasing the risks of these studies to patients. We thus support their petition.

Sincerely yours,

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