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Dear Mr. Secretary,

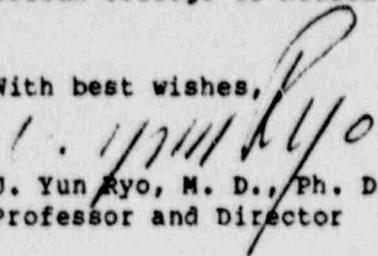
I am writing this letter of appeal to you on behalf of four nuclear physicians and two nuclear scientists working at the University of Kentucky Hospital and at the Lexington VA Medical Center. We strongly support the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the American College of Nuclear Physician and by the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

I have been practicing nuclear medicine for over 16 years at three different, but all academic institutions. In numerous times I have been frustrated by the unreasonable, unrealistic rules of the NRC which forced me to use "old, approved radionuclides" instead of "better, more effective" agents. Too often, we have to wonder if we should follow guidelines of FDA and exercise our best knowledge for the best medical care or protect us from violating NRC rules and refuse exercising our conscience and judgment as experts.

State Boards issue license to practice medicine or pharmacy, and American Board of Nuclear Medicine certifies specialty Board to those who are trained and knowledgeable. If the NRC does not recognize expertise to those specialist and has to strictly control their practice, there must be a gross flaw in the entire system. I strongly believe that the flaw, which has been complicating already difficult medical care, lies in the NRC's overly restrictive regulations.

Sincerely and strongly I urge the NRC to adopt the petition of Society of Nuclear Medicine and American College of Nuclear Physician for Rulemaking as early as possible.

With best wishes,


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