

POOR ORIGINAL

May 14, 1980

Gentlemen:

I am writing as an extremely concerned citizen about Three Mile Island and the seemingly lack of concern by government and nuclear industry officials as to the welfare of local citizens.

Each day we open our newspapers to headlines of minor radiation leaks, which, according to industry officials, should be of no concern. I speak for many friends who have no trust whatever for the officials concerned. For an entire year we have heard conflicting reports as to the radiation we were exposed to. I have 3 small children and live 15 miles from the plant. If in the future any of my children develop cancer, I will blame TMI in my heart, even though there may be other reasons involved. All those people are so worried about the economics and the money they are losing that the most important factor, the right for each of us to live freely, is completely

8010270045

POOR ORIGINAL

ignored. If public officials paid more attention to the welfare of local citizens, I believe there would be less hysteria.

The public needs a voice in the function of a nuclear plant, at least so we can trust the facts as presented to us. The average citizen, I realize, is not educated enough on nuclear facts to be in technical decisions but perhaps we could elect a panel to represent the public. Then "they" could study the material and help bridge the gap between nuclear officials and the public.

I really feel powerless in this situation. I am deeply concerned about the whole nuclear industry. It seems the immense problems involved should receive one of the top priorities on a federal budget.

Sincerely,
Janet MacNeil