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Dear Sir:

I wish to voice my concern over the nuclear power plant, Vermont Yankee. After repeated and lengthy shutdowns, all sorts of questions about safety, and more than questions, evidence of cracked pipes, "stress corrosion," cracked cooling system, and of welding jobs which are deteriorating, can you blame the public for not believing in its safety? I have heard that during an inspection ordered by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission last summer 39% of the bolts in Vermont Yankee's piping support system were found to be defective and fraudulently installed. I have also read that workers at the plant have been exposed to very high radiation, up to 900 millirems per hour. I could go on and on. Please, join me in my concern and demand a full and public investigation into the safety and management of Vermont Yankee. This investigation must be independent, sufficiently funded, and accompanied by public hearings with the NRC and independent experts participating.

Let me add one more thing. Please, try to realize that this is not just some crazy leftist notion. It is a terrible thing that concern over nuclear power has become connected with the left, pro-nuclear with the right. Grave dangers are present for us all, conservative or liberal, republican or democrat. I am not some crazy radical, but an educated intelligent being with many conservative views. I want to settle in the Upper Connecticut Valley in Vermont and live safely. I don't want a monster hanging over me. Please listen to the warnings and take a cautious viewpoint towards danger. There is too much at stake.

Sincerely yours,

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