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Mr. Joseph Hendrie, Acting Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. - 20555

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

As a member of the House of Representatives of N.H., representing the towns of Hampton and Hampton Falls (and as a member of the Republican Party whose family came here over 340 years ago and has been Republican since the Party began), I am strongly objecting to any relaxation of the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the licensing of, and operation of, nuclear power plants.

In this day and age, when accidents have occurred, including Three Mile Island and Indian Point, it is unconscionable that a government agency charged with the regulation of an industry to protect the public should even suggest the relaxation of those very rules and regulations put in place because of the Three Mile Island accident.

While the utility is still trying to figure out how to find funds to clean up Three Mile Island, as well as ways to clean it up without further endangering the public, and Indian Point in Buchanan, N.Y., still sits with its contaminated water and possibly cracked containment vessel, it would appear you and the other NRC members, as well as the Federal government, from the President on down, should be addressing yourselves even more to the safety of the public, and not trying to revive an industry which is obviously bent on suicide.

We, here on the seacoast of N.H., are faced with a utility, which, by its own testimony, is on the brink of bankruptcy, being allowed to build a plant on an earthquake fault, in an area with a summer population of 200,000 to 300,000 people, and you suggest relaxing the rules even further. Unbelievable! We object to being considered expendable and the loss of our lives an acceptable risk!

Most sincerely yours,

Rep. Roberta C. Pevear
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cc: President Reagan
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