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As you may know, the status of the Diablo Canyon plant is a matter of great concern to the residents of the area, many of whom are my constituents. After the commencement of construction, a seismically active earthquake fault was discovered only two and a half miles from the plant. While the Atomic Safety Licensing and Appeal Board has recently ruled that the plant is capable of withstanding the impact of an earthquake on the Hosgri fault, the unique issues associated with Diablo and the high level of community concern warrant the most scrupulous application of Commission procedures.

I have carefully followed the proceedings with respect to Diablo for a number of years now. It has always been my position that since the licensing decision will be made by the NRC, its procedures must be carefully followed in order to insure the safety of the plant as well as insuring public confidence in the regulatory process. In recent weeks, the Commission has implemented an administrative rulemaking which eliminates the Appeal Board effectiveness review, allowing the decision of the Licensing Board to become immediately effective without comprehensive Commission review. This action was taken in an attempt to reduce the amount of time between completion of reactors and their actual licensing.

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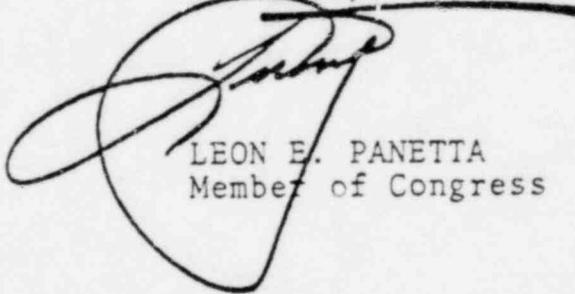
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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leon E. Panetta', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

LEON E. PANETTA
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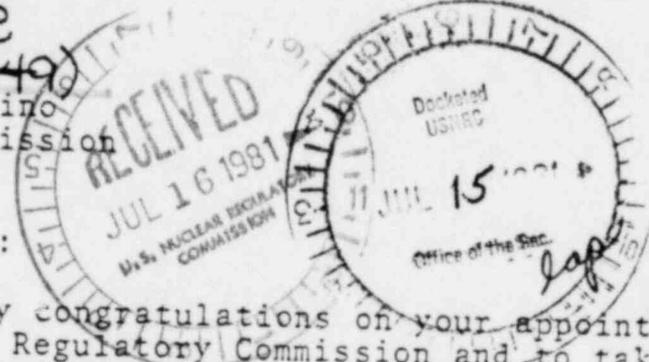
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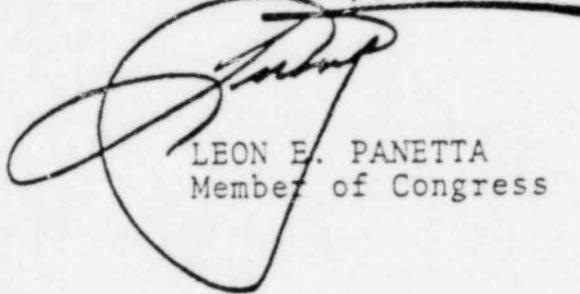
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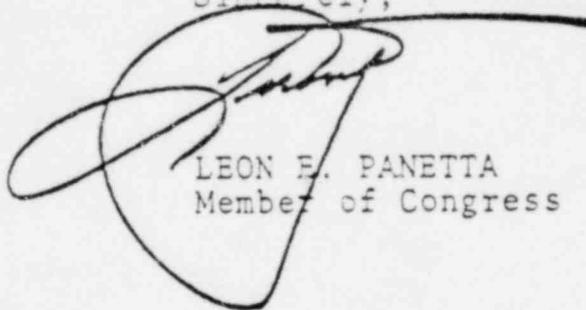
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