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Dear Mr. Palladino:

I have taken the time to review and analyze information currently before you regarding the licensing of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant because of its crucial importance to California's energy needs. I am concerned about rumors making the rounds to discredit qualified consultants contracted by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to conduct a comprehensive independent audit of the project.

I want Diablo Canyon operated under safe and responsible conditions. What we cannot afford, however, is to allow the licensing process to unnecessarily prolong delivery of electric power and deprive Californians of needed energy.

I appreciate your careful consideration of this matter,

Sincerely,

GENE CHAPPIE

Member of Congress

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