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Mr. John F. Ahearne, Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

On behalf of the over 1500 members of the American Association of Meat Processors, we wish to go on record with you as strongly favoring the start-up of the undamaged Unit 1 at Three Mile Island. Since our national headquarters is located only about six miles from Three Mile Island, we are in a position to say that, although all of us in the area shared a deep concern for our safety, much of the reported hysteria that resulted from the TMI accident was media inspired.

America desperately needs the electrical power that can be generated by TMI's Unit 1. We urge you, therefore, not to allow a small but vocal group of opponents of nuclear energy to stand in the way of the needs and will of the vast majority of Americans.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Madeira
Executive Director

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- cc: The Honorable Richard S. Schweiker
- The Honorable John H. Heinz III
- The Honorable Allen E. Ertel
- The Honorable William F. Goodling
- The Honorable Robert S. Walker
- Merlyn J. Eickman, President of AAMP

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