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Mr. Carlton Kammerer
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Kammerer:

I would like to share with you a copy of the enclosed letter I received from my constituent regarding the problems small practitioners have in complying with numerous NRC regulations. I would greatly appreciate receiving any information or comments you might have about the situation which would help me in responding to my constituent's concerns.

Thanks very much for your kind help.

Sincerely yours,


David L. Boren
U. S. Senator

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Enclosure

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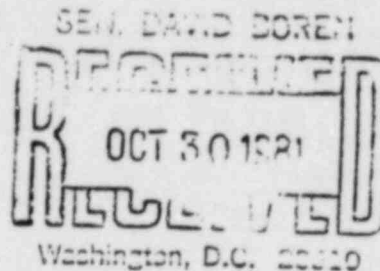
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Dear David:

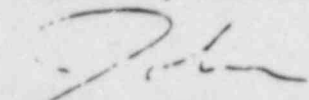
I am enclosing a copy of a letter to The Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I will give a brief outline of the reason that I am concerned. I need to give you some of my background which you would not know. I have been using radioactive materials since 1948 when I worked with the research in this area at The Ohio State University. I have been licensed for use myself since I returned to practice in 1953. I am a charter member of Southwestern Society of Nuclear Medicine and was a member of the original Board of Directors. I am member of the National Society and am a fellow of the American College of Nuclear Physicians. Despite this fact and even though in the past I have been able to satisfy with no difficulty the requirements for renewal of license, with the filing for renewal on the last occasion there were so many questions that I had the best nuclear physicist working in the medical area in Oklahoma prepare my application. After he had done so the Commission came back with three pages of additional requirements, even though my practice is such that a very simple use of the isotopes takes place in which no one other than myself handles the isotopes at any time.

The enclosed regulation will further restrict my ability to practice. Already because of similar regulations I have discontinued the use of any therapeutic isotopes except radioactive phosphorus in my hematology patients. After many years of giving radioactive iodine for thyroid disease and using other therapeutic isotopes with a history of no spillage and no problems, the regulations made it impossible for me to continue the proper use of the isotopes. As a result, I work the patients up and then send them to the radiology department of the hospital for administration of medications which increases the cost to the patient by at least fifty per cent. The increasing cost does not change the therapy that the patient receives nor does it affect in any way the safety or security of any individuals who are handling the material or who would have handled it under different circumstances.

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The regulations are increasing the cost of medical care and placing responsibility of medical isotope use in the hands of a few institutions.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John W. DeVore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

John W. DeVore, M.D.

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