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December 26, 1990

Ms. Velma Blackwell
Chair, Selection Committee
Public Service Achievement Awards Program
Common Cause
2030 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Ms. Blackwell:

I am pleased to nominate Vandy L. Miller, Assistant Director for State Agreements in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of Governmental and Public Affairs, for the Common Cause Public Service Achievement Award. Throughout his career, Mr. Miller has distinguished himself by his commitment to public service and his dedication to NRC's primary responsibility of protecting the public health and safety. Mr. Miller is truly deserving of the honor this award confers.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Rogers
Acting Chairman

Enclosure:
Nomination Statement

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Common Cause Public Service

Achievement Award

*To an individual who by force
of imagination, initiative, and perseverance
has made an outstanding contribution
to the public interest in the areas of
government performance and integrity.*

VANDY L. MILLER
NAME OF NOMINEE

(see details on opposite side)

NOMINATION FOR COMMON CAUSE PUBLIC SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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and perseverance has made an outstanding contribution to the public interest
in the areas of government performance and integrity."*

Nominee's name Vandy L. Miller (301) Phone 492-0326 (office)
 Current position Assistant Director for State Agreements 587-7728 (home)
 Mailing address Office of Governmental and Public Affairs
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Reason for nomination: Please describe why you believe that the nominee deserves the award. Describe the nominee's achievement, why the achievement is of special significance, and what role the nominee played.

Please see attached Nomination Statement.

References: Please give the names of others who would be able to describe the achievement of the nominee.

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Note: Please use an additional sheet if you desire to provide additional information. If you would like to nominate more than one candidate, please provide the requested information on a copy of this form.

Nominations *must* be received by December 31st.

VANDY L. MILLER
Assistant Director for State Agreements
State, Local and Indian Tribes Program
Office of Governmental and Public Affairs
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

NOMINATION STATEMENT

Vandy L. Miller, Assistant Director for State Agreements in the Office of Governmental and Public Affairs of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), is being recommended for the Common Cause Public Service Achievement Award for his outstanding and sustained contributions which significantly enhance protection of the public health and safety.

Particularly outstanding is his recent work on a joint industry-government task force convened by the American Society for Nondestructive Testing to develop a National Industrial Radiography Certification Program. This program is designed to assist the industry in the reduction of the number of radiation overexposures to workers and the public. The NRC has published a proposed rulemaking recognizing the Certification Program.

Mr. Miller has been of exceptional assistance to the 29 Agreement States that have signed agreements with the NRC to regulate licensed radioactive materials within their States. He has been instrumental in assisting the States in statutes and regulation development, conducting over fifteen courses annually for radiation training of State personnel, and providing technical assistance to States relative to licensing policy, inspections, and radiation hazards associated with the uses of licensed radioactive materials. These services have enhanced the States' abilities to protect public health and safety and to maintain regulatory programs compatible with NRC programs.

Mr. Miller is keenly aware of the public safety significance of the NRC licensing program and its impact on over 9,000 licensees. As National Program Coordinator for material licensing, he has maintained the objectives of the program while at the same time ensuring fair and consistent services to the licensees. He has served as a major contact point for many professional organizations and for other governmental agencies and has taken the lead in identifying the need for new programs, policies, standards, and guides for medical, academic, and industrial activities.

Under his leadership, several major guides have been developed: Type "A" Broad License Guide, a Radiation Safety Office Qualification Guide, a Medical Licensing Guide with an appendix to cover broad medical licenses, a teletherapy licensing guide, and a guide covering survey instrumentation. Mr. Miller also actively participated in a number of significant rule changes in the medical, academic, and industrial areas: industrial radiography, misadministration reporting, molybdenum breakthrough testing, radiation safety committee composition, and patient dose assay. A program

to keep medical exposures as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA), which sparked considerable controversy both within the NRC and the medical community, was successfully developed under Mr. Miller's leadership and is used as a model for the development of similar programs.

Among Mr. Miller's most notable accomplishments has been the successful decentralization from NRC Headquarters to Regional offices of routine material licensing and a resultant increase in efficiency. This program was inspired by his report on a pilot study conducted in NRC's Region III, and its success has been attributed to his superb coordination of the transition between the NRC Regional and Headquarters offices.

Mr. Miller's contributions and dedication to public service have resulted in improved protection of the public health and safety, more efficient licensing actions, and a better working relationship between the industry and the NRC.

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November 1990

Dear Friend,

Common Cause, a 275,000-member, nonpartisan citizens' organization, is pleased to announce its eleventh annual Public Service Achievement Awards Program.

We seek from you suggestions of individuals you believe should be considered for the 1990 awards.

Our purpose is to honor those public servants, citizen activists, elected officials, or other citizens who:

"by force of imagination, initiative, and perseverance have made an outstanding contribution to the public interest in the areas of government performance and integrity."

We wish to honor individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership, persistence and courage, who have identified important public needs and have worked to meet those needs, or in some other manner have made an outstanding contribution; or who have long and distinguished public service careers. Last year's recipients were:

- o A. Ernest Fitzgerald; Pentagon Official; McLean, Virginia
- o Maggie Kuhn; Founder, Gray Panthers; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- o Frances Pauley; Director, Georgia Poverty Rights Organization; Atlanta, Georgia
- o Fran Schmidt; Founder, Grace C. Abrams Peace Education Foundation; Miami Beach, Florida
- o John Stovall; Community Development Specialist; Denver, Colorado
- o Laly Washington; Community Activist; Tuskegee, Alabama

Names of award recipients from previous years are enclosed.

If you share our Common Cause philosophy that individual citizens can make a difference, please join with us and send in your suggestions. Our purpose is not only to honor deserving individuals, but to inspire and encourage others.

A nomination form and return envelope are enclosed. Please note that nominations close December 31, 1990.

Sincerely,

Velma L. Blackwell *Archibald Cox*

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