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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter, dated January 28, 1983, on behalf of Dr. H.J.C. Swan of Los Angeles. Dr. Swan is concerned about revised training and experience criteria for physicians published in the Federal Register last December. Dr. Swan enclosed with his letter to you a copy of a letter sent to the NRC from Dr. Suzanne Knoebel, the President of the American College of Cardiology (ACC), asking that the regulations not take effect until an appropriately representative task force can make recommendations to the NRC.

Mr. Richard Cunningham, Director of the Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, has already responded to Dr. Knoebel, agreeing that the idea of a task force sponsored by the ACC has merit and also agreeing to participation by appropriate NRC staff and consultants. I am enclosing a copy of that response for your information.

The effective date of the revision published in the Federal Register is July 1, 1984. There should be ample time for the task force to complete its review and submit its recommendations before that time.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the Federal Register notice concerning the revised criteria. The revised criteria were based on recommendations of the NRC's Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes. The topic was discussed in a series of public meetings in 1980 and 1981 and the proposed revisions were published for public comment in January 1982. The Commission received 232 comment letters, of which 159 supported the new criteria, 36 expressed support but suggested specific changes, and 33 expressed opposition. All comments were considered and, wherever possible, the new criteria were changed to take them into account.

Sincerely,

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