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April 15, 1983

Mr. Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Mr. Chilk:

I am forwarding to you correspondence from my constituent Mr. Richard S. Kowalski of St. Mary's Hospital in Galesburg, Illinois, concerning proposed NRC fees for nuclear medicine licenses. I understand you are receiving comments on the proposed fee change, and I would like you to take Mr. Kowalski's views into consideration. I believe his letter raises some issues which deserve your attention. Your comments on the points made would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lane Evans

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Member of Congress

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RICHARD S. KOWALSKI
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December 29, 1982

Representative Lane Evans
P. O. Box 1222
Rock Island, IL 61201

Dear Representative Evans:

The November 22, 1982 Federal Register included in it a provision that identified new proposed NRC fees for Nuclear Medicine Licenses. These new license fees were published as follows:

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| Application (New License) | - \$580 |
| Renewal | - 580 |
| Amendment | - 230 |
| Inspection (Routine) | - 480 |
| Inspection (Non-Routine) | - 690 |

The fees for these activities previously were \$190 for new applications, \$150 for renewals and \$40 for amendments. Inspection fees were a maximum of \$60 in a three-year period, and that maximum has also been proposed for removal.

Obviously, the new fee schedule represents about a 400% increase for applications and renewals and approximately a 600% increase for amendment applications.

In this time of economic constraints, particularly constraints placed on hospitals by all sectors of the society and specifically by governmental agencies, it seems rather ludicrous for that same governmental agency to be increasing fees at the rate being proposed. If anything, it would seem that based on the amount of taxes being paid that these services should be provided essentially at no cost rather than developing a fee schedule that would appear to make

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the NRC rather self-sufficient due to fees generated.

I would like to go on record as opposing the proposed NRC fee schedules for Nuclear Medicine Licenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this subject.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Kowalski
Administrator

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