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Mr. Samuel S. Chilk, Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr Chilk,

I have a license to administer ¹³¹I in my office for uptakes and treatment of hyperthyroidism.

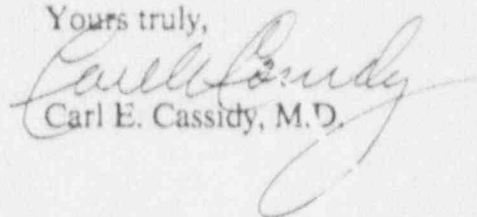
I my practice is limited to thyroid disease, and I see patients two days a week. I am highly regarded by my patients, colleagues, and provided expert care. I cannot practice without being able to use ¹³¹I, even though I use it infrequently.

In 1990, I performed 20 24-hr uptakes, and 5 therapies. My health physics consultant has informed me that my annual fee under the new NRC program would be about \$3600 for 1991.

To recover that, I would have to increase the charge for each uptake and treatment by \$144!! We all know that no insurance carrier would ever pay it, and I would take the loss for the privilege of being skilled enough to have a license.

If this goes through, I shall have to close the office, as it is break even now, and I practice because I like it, but I cannot absorb a loss of that magnitude.

Yours truly,


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