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Secretary of the U.S. Nuclear
Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

Re: Implementation of Public Law 101-508
Revision of Fee For NRC Licenses
(10CFR 170 and 171)

Gentlemen:

These are interesting times. This week our President needed nuclear medicine studies to assess his heart arrhythmia. A year from now this type of study may not be accessible to the common man.

The NRC is proposing fee increases and a new annual fee of about \$3,400.00 for medicine programs such as ours. We are very opposed to these increases. Though nuclear medicine remains an important part of health care delivery, many smaller hospitals do not operate above the financial break-even point. These fee increases may well be the demise of many programs.

We feel that supporting the NRC through annual fees is a very bad practice. The NRC serves the public at large, not the radiation industry. The proposed annual fee mechanism appears subject to agency abuses that are not as likely under present restraints on general fund monies. Please reconsider continuing NRC support out of the general revenue fund.

Sincerely,

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