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Mr. Nunzio J. Palladino
Chairman
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Dear Mr. Palladino:

I am writing in regard to a matter of the greatest import to my Congressional District as well as to the New York Metropolitan Area as a whole. I have previously contended that the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant represents a substantial risk to the neighboring population. Clearly this has been borne out by recent events.

On February 9, 1984, Indian Point No. 2 was taken off line because two of the control rods appeared to have shifted positions. While the problem was quickly corrected, it did not end the difficulties. On February 11, 1984 the plant was taken off a second time in less than three days. This shutdown was a result of a breach in the steam generator pipes which separate the primary and secondary systems.

While the cause of the breach has not yet been confirmed, it has been brought to my attention that corrosion is a pervasive problem in the steam generator pipes of nuclear reactors. A possible cause of the corrosion lies in the inherent qualities of the inconel lined generator pipes and the red alloy with which it reacts. The resulting reaction causes a pitting to the steam generator pipes which separate the radioactive 'hot' water in the primary system with the radioactively free secondary system which empties into the environment.

Accordingly, I ask that you forward to my office an evaluation of the dangers involved with corrosion of the steam generator pipes. I speak not only to this specific incident, but to the problem at large. I further request the results of any tests which you have conducted to determine the integrity of these pipes.

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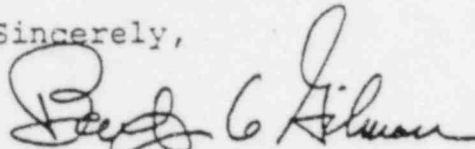
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With over 15 million people living within a 50 mile radius of Indian Point, it is incumbent upon all who bear responsibility in its operation and oversight to keep those affected properly informed. Consequently, I look forward to your prompt response to this most pressing matter.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Benjamin A. Gilman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Benjamin" being more prominent and the last name "Gilman" following in a similar style.

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
Member of Congress

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