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Mr. Nunzio Palladino, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Palladino:

I am writing to urge most strongly that at your 7 September meeting, you act to vote on the question of returning the undamaged TMI-1 unit to useful service. The legal regulatory process has too long been delayed, and the related issues distorted by political and emotional tactics. I am urging a return to reason in the equitable application of nuclear power regulation under the law.

With respect to your decision, I firmly believe that the two most significant issues, management integrity and cleanup of TMI-2, have been satisfactorily resolved.

- The GPU Nuclear Corp. management is new, different, eminently well-qualified, larger, more capable than the previous Met-Ed management. It has measured up to the most exacting series of scrutinies ever focussed on a utility.
- The TMI-2 cleanup has been thoroughly planned, and funding appears to be reasonably forthcoming. (The startup of TMI-1 will add to the flow of cleanup funds.) The TMI-2 core is in a relatively benign state, with only the most stable fission products remaining, and an inconsequential amount of driving energy available for dispersion. That plant does not now represent a significant threat to public health and safety.

Thus, I urge a vote for restart of TMI-1 at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,

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