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Gentlemen:

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On behalf of the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, we strongly support the position taken by Governor Richard Thornburgh in calling for the removal of Nuclear Regulatory Commission Administrative Law Judge Ivan W. Smith as head of a three-member federal panel considering the restart of Three Mile Island's Unit I reactor.

Mr. Smith's appeal for leniency in sentencing a former TMI employee, James R. Floyd, convicted on two counts of cheating, totally transcends professional and ethical strictures and has impaired Mr. Smith's capabilities of rendering a fair and impartial decision when considering the subject of restart. We as elected officials cannot condone personal viewpoints that have even the slightest semblance of potential conflicts of interest. The appearance of capitulating to special interests and issues of epidemic impact affecting the safety and welfare of millions of people cannot and should not be tolerated from any official serving in a public capacity.

Mr. Smith should voluntarily resign as chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board or be removed by appropriate action of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Sincerely,

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