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Mr. Nunzio Palladino, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H. Street N.W.
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Dear Chairman Palladino:

As the New York State Assemblyman representing the fifth district in Suffolk County, I am deeply troubled by the refusal of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to allow representatives of Suffolk County to be heard on the critical issue of whether or not a low power test license should be granted for the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant.

The operation of Shoreham at 5% of capacity is so radically different than testing at .001%, and the health and safety factors are so greatly increased, that it is imperative that the attorneys for Suffolk County be heard in oral argument. The greatest fear of the residents of this county is the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant, and to allow testing at this plant without having heard all the arguments would be a gross injustice to all of us in Suffolk County.

Besides the fact that permanent emergency diesel generators are not in place yet, there is more importantly no viable evacuation plan whatsoever in the event of a nuclear accident. The financial problems if Shoreham stands idle hardly stand up to the health and safety of the residents of Suffolk County. Given these circumstances, the Suffolk County attorneys must be heard.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this most important matter.

Very truly yours,

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