

# NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 13, 1996

The Honorable Roscoe G. Bartlett United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Bartlett:

I am responding to your letter dated April 26, 1936, in which you expressed your support for the recent report of the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine (IOM) entitled, "Radiation in Medicine: A Need for Regulatory Reform." To date, the NRC has received 41 comments on the report, and the staff is continuing to evaluate the responses. Since we have not reached any conclusions on this matter, we are unable to address the questions you raised at this time. If the NRC were to propose to modify the scope of its regulation of the use of byproduct materials for medical purposes, a determination will be made concerning the need for and extent of appropriate legislative proposals and rulemaking. This determination may include a consideration of risk-informed, performance-based regulation. We will provide our views on the questions you raised at a later date.

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The Honorable Bill Baker United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Dana Rohrabacher United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Vernon J. Ehlers United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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