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Mr. Lando Zech, Chairman
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Sir:

As a citizen of Massachusetts, a parent, physician and radiation health professional, I wish to communicate my strongest objections to the statements made before you by Governor Michael Dukakis, as reported on television news last night.

Having been a resident of Massachusetts for 25 years, I can say that Governor Dukakis, by his actions and words during his two periods of office here, has been thoroughly antinuclear in every way long before Seabrook was planned. In addition, his administrations have failed to act on or implement recommendations of at least two legislative committees on the management of low level radioactive waste, and during the past year his administration generated a large measure of unwarranted fear in the population by claiming to have linked leukemia deaths in the area of Plymouth to the admittedly unmeasurable quantities of radioactive materials released to the atmosphere. During the past year I have tried repeatedly to discern from him and from his staff the source of his concerns about Seabrook evaluation, and in my opinion there is not in existence any carefully developed scientific document warranting his judgments about the safety of Seabrook to humans; neither do I have any evidence that he has consulted seriously with any currently active radiation health professional in this regard.

It is difficult for me to avoid the conclusion that Mr. Dukakis is using the issue of health care for our citizens purely to consummate his own political opportunism. Were he seriously interested in the public health, there are many other areas, as I have pointed out to him and to his Commissioner of Public Health, where his efforts would be far more productive immediately in the reduction of mortality, morbidity and dollar cost.

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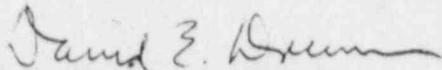
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These comments are my own and do not necessarily reflect the positions of the institutions with which I am affiliated.

Sincerely Yours,



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