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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Chairman Lando Zech
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Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Commission Chairman Lando Zech;

As a concerned, young, high school student, I feel that the NRC is not considering the consequences of nuclear power carefully enough in the inspection and opening of nuclear reactors.

As a Massachusetts citizen, I am very concerned about nuclear energy, primarily about the Seabrook and Pilgrim plants in my state. I feel that the Seabrook reactors should not be turned on. Firstly, there is not an adequate evacuation plan for such a densely populated area, having very few entrances or exits to the area. Secondly, I feel that the safety requirements for the two plants have not been met.

Although the NRC's reputation may have suffered in all of the publicity, it's thought of as an unefficient committee who's only concern is to promote nuclear energy, and open as many plants as possible-regardless of the problems present. It's said that you change safety standards and operating requirements just to open plants. Records show that you've never turned down a license for a completed plant, and almost always allow closed plants to reopen. What good does nuclear energy do if it's going to kill us?

If an evacuation plan is supposed to be for safety, how can you change the evacuation zone just to open Seabrook? What good does an evacuation zone do if it doesn't cover the whole area that would be affected if an accident were to occur?

I firmly believe that as long as there are even minor problems present, a nuclear plant shouldn't be opened because there can be no small flaws when it comes to the safety of people, and the preservation of our earth.

In closing, I thank you for taking time out of your schedule to listen to my opinions, and wish you would consider my viewpoint. It would also be much appreciated if you answer my questions.

Sincerely,
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