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President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing in relation to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission hearing of February 24 concerning shrinking the evacuation zones around the Seabrook and Shoreham nuclear power plants.

I live approximately 10 miles from the Seabrook site and am quite familiar with the area, a tidal swamp with one narrow two-lane road as access to the whole area, an area including numerous public beaches and an amusement park. It is an impossible site to evacuate, a fact that was often raised with the builders of the plant, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, since the plant was first proposed. Our only hope for avoiding a situation endangering the approximately 55,000 people inside the presently mandated ten-mile evacuation zone is the states' power over proposed evacuation plans. I am sure I don't need to remind you that in Chernobyl an area approximately 18 miles in radius was evacuated.

For the sake of our local residents and our beautiful coastline, please do not encourage the NRC to buckle under to pressure from the ~~builders of Shoreham and Seabrook.~~ In 1984 you pledged to Congressman William Carney that you did not favor the "imposition of Federal authority over the objections of state and local governments in matters regarding the adequacy of an emergency evacuation plan for a nuclear power plant." Please remain steady in this position. The stakes in our local area are much too high to buckle under to the financial pressure from the plant backers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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