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Dear Senator Connors and
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A response is under preparation and will be forwarded to you shortly.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
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August 19, 1998

Mr. David Most
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Dear Mr. Most:

This brief note is to acknowledge a copy of your recent letter to Governor Christine Todd Whitman, received at our Legislative Office on August 17, 1998.

By way of this reply, our Delegation would like to reach out to convey to you our appreciation for your interest and concerns about the future of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, the impact on your career and the effect of the possible decommissioning of this facility on your community. We completely share these and many other profound concerns. That is why we have pushed so hard for legislation to establish a Task Force for the decommissioning of this Nuclear Generating Station to develop long-term strategies to address the socioeconomic and environmental issues surrounding this facility.

As you know, the overall oversight of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station rests within the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The NRC has the responsibility to oversee this facility during its operation and eventual closure. In an effort to try to be of assistance to you in looking into your concerns as they pertain to the NRC, by copy of this reply, we are forwarding a copy of your letter to NRC Commissioner Shirley Ann Jackson. This conveyance formally requests Commissioner Jackson to thoroughly review the issues you raise.

In the area of state responsibility, you may rest assured that many efforts are underway to establish a deregulation process for the electric industry that both reflects the changing marketplace for electricity, as well as the needs of consumers, based upon federal laws and court decisions. You will also be encouraged to know that Lacey Township's state funding, in lieu of property taxes for this facility, has been safeguarded by recent changes in state law.

In an effort to obtain some perspective for you as to New Jersey's role in this process and what steps are underway here for electric deregulation, etc., by copy of this reply, we are sending a copy of your letter to Office of Legislative Services Director Glenn E. Moore, III. This transmittal authorizes Director Moore to assign a specialist at OLS to put together a comprehensive briefing on these very complex issues.

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Thank you, once again, for your proactive efforts as a concerned citizen and employee of Oyster Creek. We welcome this opportunity to work with you to obtain the latest available information on this evolving issue of concern to each and every citizen of our state.

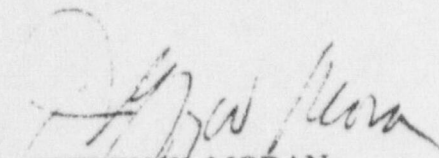
Please note, we will keep you apprised as findings are received from the NRC and OLS.

Best regards.

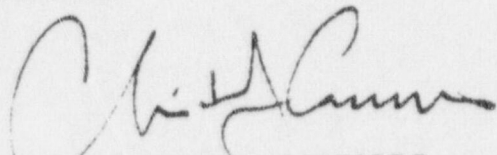
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(With Enclosure)

Mr. Dave Most

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July 6, 1998

Governor Christine Todd Whitman
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Dear Governor Whitman:

I am writing this letter in regard to the closure of Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, with hope that you will visit our plant and realize the impact it will have on the state of New Jersey if Oyster Creek shuts down. Oyster Creek provides good employment opportunities for fulltime and contractor personnel. Oyster Creek employee's bolster Ocean County with millions of dollars in revenue. The employees of Oyster Creek play an integral part in their communities as leaders and volunteers. Oyster Creek is a viable clean source of energy. The capacity factor is high, and recently received a high INPO rating.

Recently, at Oyster Creek we have had several generation emergency alerts, which require us to reduce any work that would shut the plant down because of the large load demand. The problem of generation supply shortages are not unique to New Jersey. The Midwest and New England states too are short of generation and electric customers are being held hostage to inflated electrical costs when load demands are at their peak. Generator owners in the past were required to have a reserve for peak loads, this is no longer the case with deregulation. Our current administration has failed to address the Nuclear Base load issue. This is going to cause a domino effect for early plant closures, in turn causing a supply and demand issue. This could create brown outs and possibly black outs. Who will pay for these early-retired plants in decommission?

It seems apparent to me, as we erode our base load generation we also will have to increase production of our conventional plants such as coal and gas plants. Our energy program needs serious attention by our government. Currently there are no plans to build any nuclear base load plants in the United States. What generator owner would be so bold in this indecisive environment? The issue I am referring to is the irresponsibility of the government to fulfill its obligation to store the spent fuel. Also, the government has failed to recognize the benefit of a nuclear program to our environment. It is my opinion that nuclear plants competing against conventional plants are a grave mistake because safety is always paramount in a nuclear program. I am not advocating we let Nuclear plants run on a free leash when it comes to cost, I am saying lets implement a fair playing field.

Just imagine when competition becomes fierce this will result in some kind of cut backs. Where will the cut backs be? Could the competition jeopardize the safety of the nuclear program?

As a proud republican I feel it is my duty to inform you of these issues so you can ensure the State of New Jersey has a well thought out strategy in respect to a deregulation plan that makes sense. Which will provide reliable safe and clean power to all, even the impoverished that reside in New Jersey.

In addition what will happen to Lacey Townships revenue from the state when Oyster Creek retires early and no longer is stigmatized of housing a nuclear plant?
Do you think that our neighboring towns and county's will sit back and let Lacey Township receive that money when the fuel no longer sits in Forked River?

Governor, my fellow workers are concerned about their future at Oyster Creek and need to know if New Jersey can afford to loose another base load plant

Sincerely yours

