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Dear Mr. Gilinsky,

I am sending you this personal copy of a similar letter I am sending to all the NRC commissioners as a group. I am sending you an individual letter because I feel that of all the commissioners, you most consistently give public safety priority over financial and expediency concerns.

I am writing you in regards to the nuclear power plant, Diablo Canyon, which is about 35 miles from my home. I have a small child and am planning to have another baby. My

My husband is a carpenter, and he has several friends in the construction trade who have worked at Diablo. The stories that we have heard from them about the attitudes of the construction workers there, and the poor type of work done (e.g. removal of inspection tags by workers because they are in the way), have me very concerned about the quality of construction of the plant. I am concerned about the safety of my family, since we live within its evacuation zone.

We have lived in this area for eleven years, and like many others we know who live here, we are becoming increasingly concerned, as the plant nears completion, and more and more construction flaws come to light. This, along with the fact that it

was "unknowingly" situated 2 1/2 miles from a major earthquake fault, has made me and my husband and I quite worried.

Our fears were exacerbated further when we read that the Atomic Industrial Forum, as well as President Reagan, are calling for more speedy licensing of nuclear power plants. They feel financial investment should be given priority over safety concerns!! I find that to be truly insulting. And I'm sure you do to.

Your role is to make certain that nuclear power plants are safely designed and constructed before they are licensed to operate. This seems to be a clear case where more study and consideration ^{could} be pursued.

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My family and thousands
of others in this small county
would be greatly indebted
for all that you can do to
ensure our safety in regards to
the Diablo plant.

Thank you for your patience
in reading this handwritten
letter.

Sincerely,
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