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Dear Secretary,

I am very concerned about the one-step licensing of nuclear power plants which the NRC has proposed. The NRC, as I see it, was established to protect the public from unsafe power plants. Up to now, the burden of proof that a nuclear power plant is safe^{has} rested with the power company building it. State and local officials have had a chance to determine whether safe evacuation of the site was feasible. The one-step licensing would make it up to the public to prove that the plant is unsafe, and very little time is given the public for challenging a plant's safety. The proposal reduces the public's protection from nuclear accidents and dangerous power plants. I am opposed to it. Please do what you can to retain the protections provided by the Atomic Energy Act ensuring public hearings, and to keep

The burden of proof of a plant's safety
where it belongs - on the shoulders of
The power companies.

Thank you for your consideration
of this matter.

Sincerely,
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