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Ms. Shirley Ann Jackson Chairman Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1 White Flint North Mail Stop 16C1 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Jackson:

I understand that the Hawaii Department of Agriculture has invited the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to participate in a panel discussion in Hawaii next week. In light of public concern raised about a proposed commercial irradiation facility on the Island of Hawaii, I believe that the NRC's participation in this discussion would be extremely beneficial.

The issue of safety has been at the forefront of debate on the subject of the proposed irradiation facility. As I expressed in my September 8, 1998 letter to you, it is imperative that the citizens of Hawaii County are given accurate information on which to base their opinions and decisions relative to the proposed facility. The NRC is best equipped to address those concerns accurately. Accordingly, I endorse and encourage your participation in this event.

DANIEL K. /INOUYE United States Senator

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