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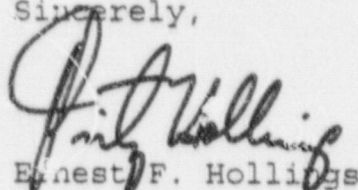
Dr. Donald A. Cool  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11545 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Dr. Cool:

I have received a copy of a letter to you from Dr. Richard H. Fitzgerald regarding proposed changes in regulations with regard to the therapeutic use of radiation. I would appreciate your providing me a copy of your reply to this constituent.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
Ernest F. Hollings

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Dr. Donald A. Cool  
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Dear Dr. Cool:

I am writing in reference to your review of regulations 10 CFR Part 35, specifically regarding the therapeutic use of radiation.

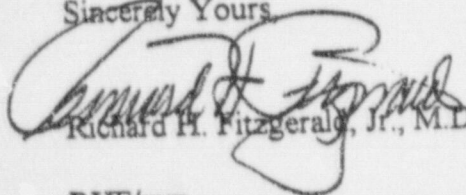
I am a Radiation Oncologist. I am a physician who has undergone residency training and am Board certified by The American Board of Radiology.

It is with that perspective that I implore you to recognize the complexity of introducing radiation into human beings.

I have been informed that it is under consideration to lessen the standards and criteria for licensure. I believe that would be a travesty and is not at all necessary.

There are experts presently available and certified by The American Board of Radiology to oversee and administer radiation therapy. Credentialing standards need not be altered other than, perhaps, being made more rigid.

Sincerely Yours



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