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Mr. William Dean
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Dear Mr. Dean,

I write in support of one my constituents, Mr. Bob Mackin, who has asked that a representative from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission address a monthly meeting of the Albany Torch Club on nuclear power plant safety and preparedness. The Albany Torch Club is a collection of highly knowledgeable and discerning Albany area residents, many of whom are former government officials and professionals. The group meets to hear an informed presenter, and follows up the presentation with a question and answer segment.

There is a great deal of interest on the topic of nuclear energy in Albany, especially among the members of the Torch Club. I believe that we must keep an open mind when crafting energy policy and that we must ensure that government policies are reflective of the most innovative ideas and projects. Government policy should continue to encourage ground-breaking research and development, promote academic centers of energy advancement, and retrain and retool the workforce through local learning centers. I would greatly appreciate it if you can send a representative to speak with the Albany Torch Club, as it would provide an important opportunity for active and conscientious citizens to formulate educated opinions on an important issue facing our nation as a whole.

Your consideration of this request is -- consistent with current laws, rules, and agency policy -- is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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