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May 16, 2012

The Honorable Gregory B. Jaczko
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Jaczko,

I write to you today regarding the re-licensing of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The decision to extend the operating license of Pilgrim for an additional 20 years is currently before the Commission.

In the aftermath of the Fukushima Daiichi disaster in Japan, there is a renewed call to ensure that our nuclear power plants are operating safely and have adequate protocols in place to respond to any natural disaster. The United States has long been a world leader in nuclear safety and I applaud and support the efforts of the Commission in evaluating the safety of nuclear plants and the orders put forward in response to the incident.

I also support the efforts and recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future in addressing the growing problem of spent nuclear fuel storage. It is my hope that Congress will act swiftly to implement many of the recommendations so we can begin to address this serious issue. Until those recommendations are passed into law, I respectfully request that the Commission take extra steps to ensure the safety of spent nuclear fuel at reactor sites.

As a United States Senator representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is my responsibility to ensure the safety of my constituents and all of the citizens of Massachusetts. I also request that you provide transparency regarding Pilgrim's re-licensing process, and release details regarding any steps that may need to be taken to ensure the continued safety of surrounding communities in Massachusetts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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