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My name is Bert Knowles, and I have been a West Newbury selectman for many years. I appreciate that the NRC is holding this public meeting tonight.

Last year, after much discussion with our constituents, the West Newbury Board of Selectmen sent a letter to the NRC expressing concern about the Seabrook plant's safety record. Prior to sending it, we invited a Seabrook plant spokesperson to speak; however, after listening to him, and after much deliberation with the community, the Selectmen unanimously sent the letter expressing our concerns. Frankly, aside from the Seabrook spokesman's views, there was absolutely no opposition whatsoever to our letter, a rare occasion in my community.

Speaking only on behalf of myself and not the Board, I want to say that I can no longer support the relicensing of the Seabrook nuclear plant as it has evolved so far.

The Seabrook nuclear facility has always posed a risk to my community and I believe, as do my constituents, that the concrete degradation of the plant is the last straw to ask the public to assume that it could possibly be safe for continued operation.

I urge that the NRC review the relicensing process with the goal of insuring public safety to the plant and the surrounding population.

Thanks for your concern for public safety.



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