

Gene Stilp  
Taxpayers and Ratepayers United  
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Harrisburg, PA 17112

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Sincerely,

Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
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Diane Curran  
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Mindy Goldstein  
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Emory University Law School  
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Atlanta, GA 30322

Dear Ms. Goldstein:

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Ossining, NY 10562

Dear Ms. Brancato:

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Paul Gunter  
Beyond Nuclear  
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Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Mr. Gunter:

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Michael Mariotte  
Nuclear Information and Resource Service  
6930 Carroll Avenue, Suite 340  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Mr. Mariotte:

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Raymond Shadis  
Friends of the Coast  
New England Coalition  
PO Box 98  
Edgecomb, ME 04556

Dear Mr. Shadis:

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Topeka, KS 66603

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Miami, FL 33176

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