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Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman and Commissioners
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Hendrie and Commissioners:

Re: Application No. XR-120
Docket No. 50-574
& Applications Nos. XCOM 0013
and XSNMO 1471

I urge the Commission to hold hearings on the health, safety and environmental issues posed by the proposed export of a nuclear reactor to the Philippines. I understand that the Commission will hold hearings in the near future to determine whether it has jurisdiction in this regard, and I write to state my conviction that it is, indeed, within the proper scope of your duties to undertake this investigation.

As you are aware, there are over 33,000 Americans at two military installations within the vicinity of the proposed reactor site on the Bataan peninsula, a factor that argues substantially for your involvement. On a wider basis, however, the fallout from any substantial nuclear mishap at a nuclear facility has the potential for damage on such a large scale as to affect not only the country in which the facility is housed but also other countries, including our own. This potential may be particularly great for a reactor that would sit on the very edge of a major ocean.

Under the circumstances, exercising the widest possible discretion to protect the health and safety of the citizens of this country would seem the prudent course. Given the very substantive questions that have been raised regarding the siting of this reactor, an adequate review of the situation is urgently called for.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely yours,

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