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I have carefully followed the proceedings with respect to Diablo for a number of years now. It has always been my position that since the licensing decision will be made by the NRC, its procedures must be carefully followed in order to insure the safety of the plant as well as insuring public confidence in the regulatory process. In recent weeks, the Commission has implemented an administrative rulemaking which eliminates the Appeal Board effectiveness review, allowing the decision of the Licensing Board to become immediately effective without comprehensive Commission review. This action was taken in an attempt to reduce the amount of time between completion of reactors and their actual licensing.

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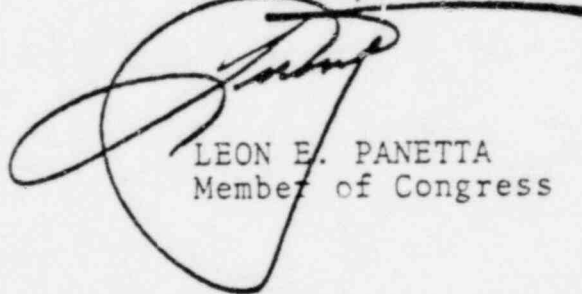
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Once again, I look forward to working with you in the future and hope that you will give this request your most careful consideration.

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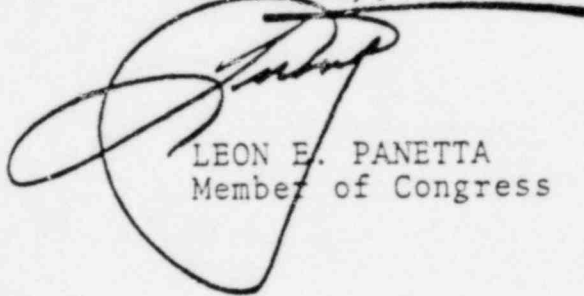
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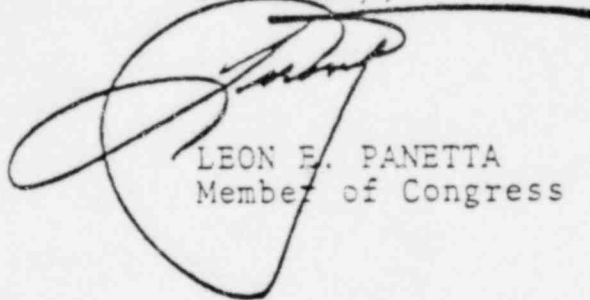
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