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The Honorable John F. Ahearne, Chairperson
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Commissioner:

First of all, may the coming year treat you with health, happiness and success.

This letter is a vote in favor of reopening TMI¹. Naturally, I am biased since I am a GPU shareholder but my interest goes further than that. I can understand the concern of people adjacent to the facility but concern should not resolve itself into hostility. When that DC-10 crashed at Chicago, people didn't ground all similar planes indefinitely. Once they were determined to be safe they were allowed to resume their purpose. Grounding them indefinitely would have devastated the industry. Why not abolish automobiles? Trains? Gas terminals? Gasoline storage depots? They are all killers and potential killers. TMI¹ because of the accident to its sister unit, is probably safer than my car.

My other reason is that we need nuclear power. It is a child of the times. The other nations certainly see its benefits much more than we do. From my seat here it appears that we listen too much to the wrong people. For instance, the "Clam Shell Alliance". These are the same people who waved the Viet Cong flag, who oppose the draft who would rather run to Canada than enter our armed forces.

When you need opinions, don't ask the guy who is seated on a stick of dynamite what he thinks of it, ask the guy who blew it!!

I certainly hope we don't act like the proverbial ostrich.

Yours sincerely!

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