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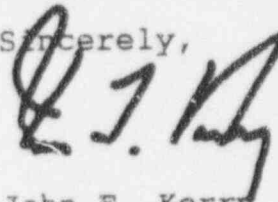
Dear Mr. Callahan,

Enclosed please find a letter I received from my constituent Charles A. Robinson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of West Newbury, Massachusetts.

The Board is expressing their concern for communities living in Massachusetts in the Emergency Planning Zone of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant in New Hampshire. They are seeking possible sources of funding for communities such as theirs, living beyond the state border, to monitor the safety of the reactor's operation. I would appreciate any suggestions you may have regarding the Town of West Newbury requests.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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September 28, 1994

Senator John Kerry
One Bowdoin Street
10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Senator Kerry:

For more than four years the communities that lie within the Emergency Planning Zone of the Seabrook, New Hampshire, nuclear power plant have worked to obtain information about plant operations and radioactive effluent that emanates from the reactor. We have established local emergency response plans, coordinated emergency planning among our communities, and trained both volunteers and professional public safety personnel.

In support of this work, the C-10 Education Foundation has raised private funds and obtained limited funding from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to monitor radioactive emissions from the reactor. We believe that it is in the best interests of the people of this region to know if radiation from Seabrook is being released, and to make that information available so that local residents can decide if any protective measures are warranted. It is also important to know if the public safety personnel may be exposed to any unreasonable risk.

We would be reassured if the information from radiological monitoring indicated that no emissions were forthcoming, as such information would ease the minds of residents who have come to distrust the utility that operates the reactor. It is difficult, however, to find local funds to support this important public safety function.

Nuclear reactors are licensed by the federal government. State and local governments have no regulatory authority to compel any action by a utility operating a reactor. For a reactor that lies beyond our state border, there are no well-established informal mechanisms through which we can obtain information on a timely basis. It is appropriate, therefore, for the federal government to provide us the means to assure local residents that emissions from the Seabrook reactor do not constitute a health or safety threat.

We respectfully request that you search for an appropriate source of federal funds for local communities or public interest organizations to support the

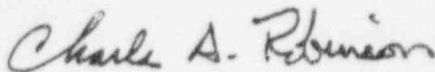
monitoring and other public safety functions that we require. If funds are not readily available, we ask that you seek an appropriation through the federal budget process to procure such funds.

We believe that under the present regulatory structure this funding is appropriately a federal responsibility.

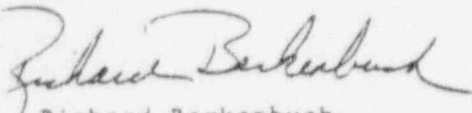
Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We look forward to working with you so that the public safety needs of our common constituents can be met.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Charles A. Robinson
Chairman



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