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The Honorable Morris K. Udall
Chairman
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Dear Mo:

As you are well aware, many of my constituents live in the shadows of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant.

In light of this, I have indicated to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission many times over the last five years my number one concern: that their number one concern must be the health and safety of the people living in the environs of TMI.

I have likewise indicated time and time again that management integrity -- and, perhaps more importantly, the perception of that integrity by the surrounding community -- remains an issue which must be resolved. I want to stress that the manner in which this outstanding question is resolved is vital, in order that those people who have had their faith shaken so profoundly will feel confident that those in positions of authority know exactly what they are doing, and are prepared to do everything correctly.

With this in mind, I was pleased to note that, in your introductory remarks during the oversight hearing on NRC's FY'84 and FY'85 authorization, you reiterated your belief that " . . . if the nuclear technology is to survive, people must have confidence in the NRC."

I agree strongly with you that decisions made by the NRC must be made in a manner which generates trust, and not suspicion.

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We are both looking forward to a decision on TMI-1 restart by the NRC accompanied by a full explanation of the way in which major issues have been resolved. I know that this has been your continuous message to the NRC, and I trust that your Committee will be following closely the restart decision process.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

BILL GOODLING
Member of Congress

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