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Secretary Samuel J. Chilk
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch Docket No. PRM-170-3

Dear Sir:

Pocatello Regional Medical Center would like to write in support of the ACNP/SNM petition. We currently have a nuclear medicine program but find that the annual fees have significantly impacted the financial viability of this service. This year we were invoiced for \$4,750 for annual fees which is a substantial increase over last year.

As a not-for-profit hospital with approximately 50% medicare patients, such increases cannot be passed on to the patients. We would request an exemption for medical services licensees similar to the exemption currently provided to non-profit educational institution, i.e., in recognition of their unique contributions to society.

Any consideration you might give would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sharon R. Gardner
Senior Assistant Administrator

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