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Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you concerning the petition for rulemaking filed by the American College of Nuclear Physicians and the Society for Nuclear Medicine. This petition seeks amendments to NRC regulations governing annual fees charged to licensees to cover the NRC's costs. I fully support this petition and encourage you to adopt it in whole.

Federal regulation of hospitals is currently increasing at a time when it is becoming more difficult for the hospital to receive reimbursement for its rising costs. Martha Jefferson Hospital is committed to maintaining a first rate Nuclear Medicine department. However, increasing regulation and growing expenses are making this more difficult each year.

I understand the need for some regulation of the handling of nuclear materials and that this regulation must be paid for in some way. However, I believe that health care organizations should be exempted from the current fee schedule since this service is an important benefit to the public at large.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I, again, encourage you to adopt this petition as written by the American College of Nuclear Physicians and the Society for Nuclear Medicine.

Sincerely,



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