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To members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

As a teacher of young children, a believer in democracy and a citizen of the world, I am very much concerned about the future of our planet. We face many problems here on Earth, but the greatest threat, by far, to humanity (and other living things) is nuclear proliferation -- both in the form of armaments for war and in the form of nuclear power plants for the production of energy.

The public has had very little say in the decision to develop this very dangerous by-product of World War II. With only profit in mind, monopolies such as P.G. and E. have pushed through construction of nuclear power plants with little regard for safety and long term effects.

Now we have heard that in response to a growing public outcry against nuclear power, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is being pressured by the power corporations and is considering speeding up the proceedings for licensing and operation of nuclear power plants. It is obvious that this move is designed to minimize anti-nuclear demonstrations. It is an attempt to keep the general public from having time to exercise their right to protest.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is a government agency. The government of the United States is supposed to be a democracy. In a democracy, the people must be heard. Do not deny that right by speeding up the licensing process for nuclear power plants.

Most sincerely,

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