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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mike Jamgochian
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Dear Mr. Jamgochian,

In view of the nuclear accidents at Three Mile Island and Chernobyl, I am asking that the NRC and attending Commissioners stockpile potassium iodide at designated Veterans Administration hospitals throughout the United States.

Having made the request, I'll give you my reasons. The Boy Scout motto is, "Be Prepared." The Coast Guard motto is "Semper Paratus." Is the motto of the Atomic Industrial Forum "Run and hide"?

Potassium iodide is an inexpensive, long-lasting preventive of thyroid disease, especially among children, in the event of a nuclear accident. Stockpiling would be a boost for public morale, just as fire engines, ambulances, and flu shots make us feel more secure.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
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(Mrs. E. A. Sholes)

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