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Dear Secretary:

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to any measure designed to decrease the ability of the public to engage in their absolutely protected right to be respected participants in any hearings regarding the policy of our government with regards to the management of nuclear power in these, our United States. We respectfully ask that you vote against the proposed change in rule, that would "deformalize" public interventions by replacing trial-type public hearings with "informal" hearings.

There is no democracy without informed consent and a clear mandate of the public's will expressed through our elected representatives. There are far too many crucial public health and safety concerns regarding the whole issue of nuclear energy to relegate any discussion behind closed doors. Our representatives have to be accountable to the public, who have mandated them to speak and vote for us.

There are many sides to this issue and I urge you to support the continuing OPEN discussion in clearly solicited and organized public sessions to determine the true will of the people in this matter. Anything less would be diametrically opposing the democratic process. It goes against everything we, as a free nation stand for.

I would respectfully request that you respond to me directly and promptly with regards to this issue, not in the form of some form letter thanking me for my interest. I cannot express my sentiments more strongly. This is a matter of the utmost importance and your constituents will be watching closely how you respond to our concerns.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

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