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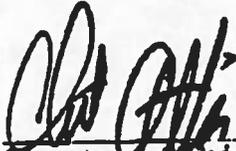
The Honorable Kenneth M. Carr
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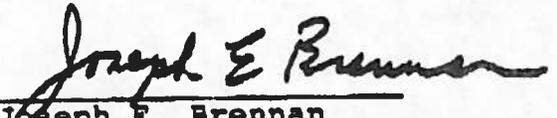
Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are extremely dismayed over the recent decision of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) authorizing a full-power license for the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. This decision will not only have far-reaching impacts on the people of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, but it calls into question the NRC's interpretation of due process and its commitment to faithfully execute its regulatory responsibilities. Indeed, today's decision has broad implications for all future licensing decisions nationwide.

On November 7th, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board remanded certain issues concerning emergency planning to the Commission for further action. The Appeal Board told the ASLB to reconsider the adequacy of plans for evacuating people with special needs, sheltering the beachgoing population, and ensuring the safety of schoolchildren. Nevertheless, within a two-day period of the Appeal Board's remand, the ASLB authorized the issuance of a full-power license for the plant, leaving these critical issues of emergency preparedness unanswered. This hasty and ill-advised action did not even provide the parties involved in the appeals process with an opportunity to comment upon the concerns identified by the Appeal Board.

In our November 3rd letter to you (copy attached), we requested clarification of an issue raised by the Appeal Board regarding the standards governing emergency planning for the New Hampshire and the Massachusetts communities within the 10-mile


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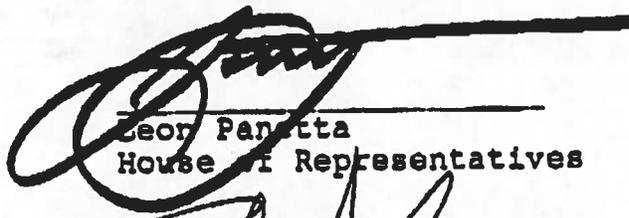

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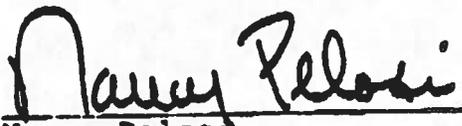

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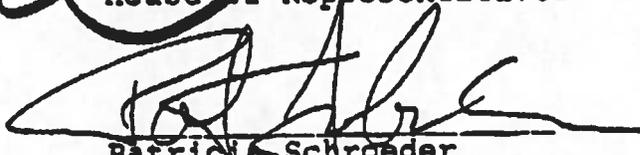

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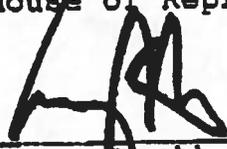

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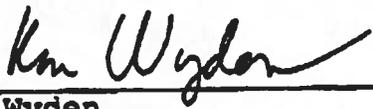

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