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Dear Sir or Madam:

I know that you are developing a new policy on radioactive waste and want to share some important concepts that you must include, but first, let me share why I have a deep concern about the development of nuclear power. In March 1979, I was teaching near the Three Mile Island facility when the alarms in our school began to blast, along with loud alarms from our local fire department. We were told to 'duck and cover', so we hid under our desks for what seemed like an eternity. Of course, as someone who has taught the book by John Hersey, *Hiroshima* I knew that hiding under a desk would not protect any of us. I would like to recommend the Hersey text for all who support the development of nuclear power.

Given my experiences and knowing I do not have the power to stop this development, here are some essentials for you to include. To me, these seem obvious:

No importing radioactive waste from other countries; no plutonium extraction or reprocessing; create an independent agency to oversee the management; policy must create ABSOLUTE care and monitoring; all Canadians must have the right to access all information.

These are minimum standards. Please realize you are handling substances that can ruin not just human life, but all life.

Thank you for keeping in touch about my serious concerns.

Sincerely,

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