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Richard A. Meserve
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Washington, D.C. 20555

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16 DEC 99 ~~1999~~ Dear Chairman Meserve:

I am writing to ask for your support in stockpiling potassium iodide in the communities surrounding the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The tragic events which occurred recently in Tokaimure, Japan, testify to the fact that nuclear accidents are potentially deadly and that our only protection is to take advanced precautions which would minimize the effects of radiation exposure. Along with the critical implementation of evacuation plans, the accessibility of KI tablets could provide an additional line of defense against lethal radiation.

The Plymouth Board of Selectmen is attempting to implement a KI stockpiling program. Their plan calls for tablets to be available in either local pharmacies or at local medical facilities. Both of these locations are certainly suitable as they are accessible to residents should the need for KI arise. I ask for your support and assistance in these efforts to stockpile this important medication.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

William D. Delahunt