Dear Senator Wyland:

NUCLEAR EMERGENCY PLANNING LEGISLATION—SUPPORT!

As a California resident, I ask that you please consider sponsoring and/or supporting the proposed legislation that will study the impacts of expanding the emergency planning zones around California’s nuclear reactors from the minimum 10 to the more realistic 50 mile radius. Nearly 18 million people live within 50 miles of San Onofre nuclear plant, in one of the most congested metropolitan areas in the world. As the tragic lessons from the earthquake and meltdown in Fukushima, Japan demonstrated, a lack of planning can lead to catastrophe. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission advised Americans in Japan to evacuate at least 50 miles, but the same agency isn’t willing to make a similar commitment to our safety here at home. The NRC only requires a 10 mile zone, but Fukushima proved this can be inadequate. Our nuclear plants are near earthquake faults and California needs to be prepared. We need to know what to do if the unthinkable ever happens here. Please support or sponsor the proposed Emergency Planning expansion legislation.

Thank you,