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Dear Administrator Jackson and Chairman Jaczko,

I write to inquire about the potential risk to U.S. West Coast communities from the explosions and release of radiation from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear facility in Japan. In a region that is already breathing air pollution from China, my constituents are concerned about radiation contamination from the facility reaching the West Coast.

While a number of experts have indicated that contamination in the U.S. as a result of the Japanese catastrophe is unlikely, I would like to better understand the agencies' contingency plans and your plan for disseminating information to concerned citizens. At your earliest convenience, please respond to me with the following information:

- What is the U.S. Government doing to monitor radiation levels over the Pacific?
- What steps is the Government taking to plan for a scenario in which radiation is elevated to unsafe levels?
- How does the Government plan to provide information about this potential risk to citizens?

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to being able to assure my constituents that the U.S. Government has a plan and to be able to tell them where they can find more information about the situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl Blumenauer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress