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Hon'ble Dr. Manmohan Singh,
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Dear Hon'ble Prime Minister

The people of India have been actively using RTI to promote transparency and accountability in Government. Despite some of my initial misgivings, RTI has worked well.

I am distressed to hear that the Government of India proposes amendments to the RTI Act 2005 – it is submitted that these amendments are unnecessary in view of the adequate protection for all legitimate interests provided for under Section 8(1) of the RTI Act. Exclusion of special regulatory authority like the Nuclear Regulatory Authority which is referred to in Clause 25 of the Bill is I believe against the letter and spirit of Section 24 of the RTI Act. I would therefore respectfully urge you to have deleted clauses that seek to amend the RTI Act. Greater transparency will ensure greater safety and accountability for WE THE PEOPLE of India.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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