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1 Our next speaker is Deborah Ortega.

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3 MS. ORTEGA: Good afternoon. I am here as  
4 a member of the Denver City Council representing a  
5 council district in which two various shipments would  
6 be proposed. Actually, one of those is already moving,  
7 and those are the shipments to Carlsbad, New Mexico.  
8 And then if the I-70 corridor is approved, we would  
9 have all the high-level shipments moving to the Yucca  
10 Mountain facility.

11 As you heard from a couple of the previous  
12 speakers, concern about the impact that we've had in  
13 the past to the mousetrap where those two corridors  
14 intersect.

15 In 1997 the Denver City Council adopted a  
16 resolution, and I anticipate before your public comment  
17 period is closed for written comments we will have  
18 another resolution that will be forthcoming as well. I  
19 anticipate that a number of the comments we made in the  
20 last resolution are still pertinent.

21 What I'd like to do is read from a couple  
22 of those. This was a resolution adopted, as I said, in  
23 1997. It was specifically referred to the house bill  
24 that had been proposed.

25 But the basic concern that I have is that  
I want to make sure that as any approval process is

1 done that we've got a facility that's been permitted so  
2 that communities that happen to be along whatever  
3 corridor is selected, and if that happens to be the  
4 I-70 corridor, that those communities not have to see  
5 those shipments moved twice if we have a facility that  
6 has to go through a process or has to go back until it  
7 gets permitted. I think any community wants to see the  
8 shipments moved only one time.

9 I think there needs to also be a complete  
10 analysis of all the corridors, and the methods of  
11 transportation be complete before any transportation  
12 begins.

13 And the bottom line is just to assure that  
14 the health and safety of any of the communities along  
15 the corridor in which the shipments travel is not  
16 compromised in any way, shape, or form.

17 So I'm just here to register my concerns  
18 as a councilperson that represents neighborhoods that  
19 happen to be adjacent to that I-70 corridor as well as  
20 the I-25 corridor where we already have not only  
21 nuclear waste shipments but we have other types of  
22 hazardous materials that travel adjacent to these  
23 communities where they have had to be evacuated on  
24 numerous occasions.

25 You heard one of the previous speakers

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1 talk about environmental justice. This is something  
2 that these neighborhoods in parts of my district have  
3 had to deal with more than their share of times.

4 We'd like to see the opportunity where we  
5 not have to have these shipments travel right through  
6 or adjacent to the core city similar to what we have  
7 with the other shipments that are traveling down the  
8 I-25 corridor. I believe it does compromise the  
9 health, welfare, and safety of the community.

10 Before your public comment period is  
11 closed, I'm sure you will be receiving a resolution  
12 from the Denver City Council. Thank you.

13 MS. SWEENEY: Mr. Brown, if I could  
14 interrupt.

15 You made some comments about a 1997  
16 resolution, that you hoped it would still apply. I  
17 would ask you send in that to make sure it's  
18 considered, or if you have it now, that would be great.

19 MR. BROWN: Okay, thanks very much.

20 Let me call the names of folks who signed  
21 up who hadn't responded. John McClure? Curt Eckhardt?  
22 Janet Greenwald? You're here? Fine.