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MR. BAYNE: Good evening, everyone. My name is Luke Bayne.

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I just moved here to Nevada from a suburb of New York City about a year ago. And I find it incredibly scary and very very wrong that in my 18 years in New York City, I never once heard about the proposal to bring all the nuclear waste out here to Nevada. I lived about five miles from the Indian Point Nuclear Power -- I forget what the technical term, but they made nuclear. About five miles from where I lived. I never once heard of this. Something wrong with that.

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So why nuclear power? I mean, if we put all this money, what was it, \$7 billion in 15 years, if we put that time and money into solar power or geothermal power, where is the waste? But you will still have the power. Think about the difference.

What about the big thing that's missing here. In this plan the future generations have no rights. They are considered nonentities. The people that aren't born, we don't care about them. We just got to take care of our trash.

We send it -- where do we send it? Away. Away. It's gone. Poof, abracadabra. I say it is not here, so okay, it's gone.

And I mean, I could be wrong in this. This is not my field technically speaking. But from what I understand, you use nuclear fission to drive a steam turbine. Steam engines are only about ten percent fuel efficient.

Now even if you are hooking nuclear power up to a steam engine, the steam engine is still only ten percent efficient. So we get all this waste for the same amount of driving a steam train. Why not just drive the steam train? That goes away a little sooner than 10,000 years.

Last, I don't want you to think that I'm attacking your position. No. I got that backwards. I'm not attacking you. I'm attacking the position. I'm attacking what you have asked to do.

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You are a human being; I am a human being. And as

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Vanessa said before me, I think that you have a conscience, I hope

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I'm asking you as a fellow human being, you wouldn't want this in your backyard, please don't put it in ours. So it's a matter do you want to be happy or do you want to be right?