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To the Department of Energy:

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As an elected official of an inner ring suburb of the City of St. Louis, Mo. Maplewood, Mo. I am both angered and frightened by your proposed plan to ship radioactive waste through my town and down both sides. You see, the Union Pacific tracks run through the center of my town and Highways I-64 and I-44 create the north and south borders of my town.

I make this promise to you today that I will fight the transportation of radioactive material through my town and the towns of a million other Americans with every bit of energy I have in my body.

You see, my granddaughter and my foster daughter live in Maplewood with me and I cannot bear the thought of handing down this legacy to them without having put up a huge fight. My other granddaughter lives in Kansas City, Mo. and she too would suffer the effects of shipping radioactive material through her quiet neighborhood. In addition, a very good friend of mine lives in Nevada. She, along with her two Senators, informed me of the disaster that will likely happen, if not in the shipping of this material, then in the ill effects of a deep depository in Yucca Mountain.

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What a horrible thing to do to Mother Nature. I would fight you tooth and nail even if I didn't have grandchildren, foster children and friends living at ground zero in the State of Nevada. Mother Nature deserves to be treated better than you plan. It is ironic and cataclysmic that the final resting place of the male dominated desire to harness the atom for destruction has led us to this.....burying the most destructive material ever devised in the very womb of the EARTH.

STOP NOW and create a solution that will not only save the big power companies money but also save the Earth from annihilation....the shipping and storage of radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain.

I support