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Dear Ms. Dixon

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The Air Force has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada. We have the same concerns that our Secretary has expressed in previous correspondence.

First, the document still proposes a route through the Nellis Range for intermodal transport of spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste to the Yucca Mountain site. There is absolutely no route through the range that could avoid adversely affecting critical and sensitive national security activities.

Secondly, the discussion of the Caliente and Carlin Rail Corridor Implementing Alternatives document did not specify the risks associated with a rail or road line that would cross lands which are hazard areas and encompass weapons safety footprints for live weapons employment. Weapon safety footprints define the land requirements needed to safely employ air-to-surface munitions from a specific type aircraft, at specified release conditions, over a variety of soil densities and target types. The Nellis Hazard Area consists of a composite of all weapon safety footprints for all authorized weapon delivery events, against all targets. No public access is allowed into the Hazard Area for live ordnance targets.

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Therefore, I again request that the alternative transportation route through the Nellis Range be moved to the "Alternatives Considered but Not Carried Forward" section in the Yucca Mountain Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely



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