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MR. DAVID HACKERT: For the record, my name is David C. Hackert, H-a-c-k-e-r-t. My telephone number is 715-762-3253, and I am from the greatest state in America. I am from Wisconsin. I am from Fifield, Wisconsin.

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What makes Fifield, Wisconsin, so great, and I will show you guys here today what makes Fifield so great, and what makes Fifield so great is the granite that we have. And in my hand I am holding granite here. And let me break bread here for you guys. This is the greatest granite in America. Why is it so great? Because we have always had the granite, always will, and Yucca Mountain, unfortunately Mr. Halstead, doesn't have the granite, we do. And that's what makes Fifield, Wisconsin, so great.

In fact, we have about three or four different types of this granite here. Wisconsin has a map. A few years ago we even made maps of northern Wisconsin via the University of Wisconsin River Falls in Madison and the State Geology Department of how great and the depths of this granite. It's a little bit old. You could use another good study, hopefully maybe the Department of Energy and Congress can give us another study, because we could sure use it. But that is what makes Fifield so great.

Now, I don't speak for the State of Wisconsin. I speak on behalf of myself and project SI. And let me make that very clear because the State of Wisconsin don't always, does not want me to speak possibly on their behalf, but on behalf of all the people in Price County that need jobs, and we are the worst county in Wisconsin for jobs, that would make us probably one of the top 50 counties in America that need jobs, and like the guy before, he said this is about jobs.

We want to create economic stability here in the Midwest. We don't want the lights to go off in Chicago, and I don't want to see the lights go off in any other state in America, or different regions, and I don't think any politician in Washington wants to see the lights go off in their district. Boy, they'd really come home empty handed on the weekend if that happens.

But right here today is their solution. This granite. This granite is the greatest granite in America for the storing of spent nuclear fuel. Under a no action plan this thing wins it hands down. When I testified in Armagosa, I mentioned about the gloves, and you guys do, and I will spare the rod here today for you guys. I mention the Fifield hands down. You know, I mention that we, without a question of a doubt, that we should be studied and looked upon for the storage of spent nuclear fuel.

We are the only part of the country, we are on IFSI, which is temporary storage site to represent the local power companies, a regional MRS, and the HLW could all go three in one. It's like a stacking cup principle. All three can go on this granite. And that will save the consumers and that will save the U.S. Government and the utilities, the energy utilities of this country a lot of money.

If the people who have to make decisions at DOE had a choice, they would have been in Fifield from day one get-go, but they weren't because Congress, our great lobbyists in Washington, said that gloves look good on feet and gloves don't look good on hands. And, of course, we all know

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the hands have it in Fifield, because we have the granite. But if Congress says gloves look good on feet, I guess Congress is always right here, you know, but on behalf of the Congress, I am not going to cut on them, I'm not going to cut on DOE, because these guys said -- just like Bob said, these guys have a mission impossible here.

But I would like the Congress, the Department of Energy and DOE to accept a challenge to come to the greatest state in America and take another look at this granite. Come on back to the field of dreams. We have always had the granite. We always will. It is not going to go away. The granite bathelwood is called the puritan bathelwood. It is the oldest granite possibly in the world. There are possibly two different sites, but we have one of the two oldest granites in America. It's not active; it doesn't have volcanos. It don't have earthquake fault zones. This stuff is stable.

DR. LAWSON (Facilitator): 30 seconds please.

MR. HACKERT: What we need in Fifield is for everyone to come back, and Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Gore and Department of Energy officials, take another look at Fifield. Warm fuzzy the State of Wisconsin, warm fuzzy our politicians, and come on back to the greatest town in America. Always had the granite, always will. It won't go away.

Thank you very much. Thank you for this day. Thank you folks for coming to the Midwest. I appreciate it and thank you folks for Chicago here. It's a great city. (Applause)