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MS. LINDSAY FOREMAN: My name is Lindsay Foreman. I am a student at DePaul University and a member of ECO, an environmental group at DePaul. Our group is dedicated to addressing local environmental issues, but we also feel it is important to take part in working towards environmental change at the national and global levels.

1 I believe that it is important to take responsibility for our actions as members of a community and as stewards of our earth, but I do not believe the Department of Energy is taking responsibility for their actions. Nuclear energy is a dangerous way to produce energy and the waste produced is harmful to every level biotic life.

This lack of responsibility has been displayed in the decision to use nuclear energy and now responsibility is once again shirked in the disposal of this waste.

2 I am not a scientist and I do not have enough information to completely dismiss the analysis and tests performed by the DOE to ensure the safe transportation of this hazardous material, but I do understand that these trucks will be driving through communities across America, and that one small release of radioactive material in a rural area would contaminate 42 square miles, require 460 days to clean and cost up to \$620 million.

From your comments earlier tonight, I think we can all agree that human error is possible and, therefore, catastrophe could not be completely ruled out. I hope that your analysis is honest and not skewed to make it seem that the Department of Energy is taking responsibility for their actions.

On my way over here tonight, I was imagining the visual terror of thousands of trucks bearing the nuclear energy emblem driving through our communities as a reminder to our children that they will have to bear the burden of our actions.

3 My request is that an alternative plan is developed which accurately and adequately takes into account the safety of U.S. communities and the members of the communities surrounding Yucca Mountain.

Thank you.