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Energy Secretary Bill Richardson  
Washington, D.C.

RE: NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORT PROPOSAL

Dear Secretary Richardson:

- 1 [The proposal to transport nuclear waste from throughout the country to the Yucca  
2... Mountain site in Nevada should be abandoned.] The production of nuclear power should  
be phased out in favor of environmentally friendly methods of providing energy.]
- 3 [1. The Yucca Mountain site has not been determined to be a safe permanent nuclear  
4 waste disposal site because fissures found in the rock would leak and cause  
contamination.] Nevada does not want the danger of contamination in their state. I  
don't believe we would like it here, either. A safe disposal site may never be agreed  
upon.
2. A mishap at the Nevada concentrated nuclear waste disposal site could prove to be  
more catastrophic rather than safer than storage at the scattered locations. I believe it  
would be safer to keep the waste stored where it is presently stored than to move it  
around the country before a safe permanent disposal site is found. Trucks can be  
hijacked, trains can be wrecked.]
- 5 [3. The proposed shipment of thousands of tons of nuclear waste to Nevada is not only  
hazardous, but a gross waste of billions of dollars of taxpayer's money. Why should  
the stockholders of the utilities be left off the hook for bad decisions they made about  
nuclear power and unfulfilled promises of nuclear advocates.]
- 2 cont. [4. If the utilities cannot solve their own waste storage problem, the production of  
nuclear power should be phased out in favor of environmentally friendly ways such as  
conservation, efficiency, hydro, solar, wind, biomass, fuel cells, etc. The solar water  
heater that I installed in my house 15 years ago is quietly providing 90% of my hot  
water virtually free.]

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5. The U.S. should not accept waste from foreign countries. We already have too much of our own waste. Our leadership providing needed energy without the contamination of the earth will be an example for others to follow.

Sincerely,

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