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Dear Ms. Dixon:

1... [On behalf of the Webster Groves City Council, I am writing to voice our concern over the planned shipment of radioactive waste material by the Department of Energy from the east coast to a site in the western United States.] Our concern is based on several issues.

2 [According to plans developed by the DOE, shipments of radioactive waste will be made by rail and by truck and will travel through highly populated areas such as the St. Louis region. The cost of a mistake in the construction of a container, poor judgement by a rail or vehicle operator, or a deliberate terrorist attack could be disastrous in terms of human health and life. Transporting radioactive material through areas with millions of residents increases the potential for a catastrophe.]

3 [Communities, such as Webster Groves, with rail lines and interstate highways that would carry this radioactive waste, are unprepared to deal with the results of an accident, mistake, or attack. Our public safety employees have not been trained in nuclear waste fallout and our budget can not provide for the education and equipment necessary to provide an adequate community response. This leaves our citizens at great risk from an unfunded decision made at the federal level.]

1 cont. [As you move forward with your plans, the City Council of Webster Groves urges the Department of Energy to find a different plan for dealing with radioactive waste disposal.]

Sincerely,

Gerry Welch
Mayor

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