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MS. CORRASCO: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak. My name is Liz Corrasco. I represent the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada or PLAN for short, and I'll try to be brief in my comments. The PLAN Coalition is a group of thirty-eight different member organizations across the State of Nevada. We represent everyone from environmentalist groups, labor unions, women's groups, people of color and Native American groups. We work together on different issues that affect our community, and this is one of them.

1 I'd like to first of all dispel the myth that the union groups in Nevada are supporting this. You saw a few gentleman earlier speak about jobs and go through a whole list of good things that would happen if we were to have a nuclear repository. Well, all those things in those good benefits, extra money from the government will do no good with if everyone's dead. At no time have any of our union members, the AFL-CIO or the culinary union or any or of the strong union brothers that we have -- brothers and sisters that we have in that coalition expressed any kind of support for the nuclear repository, and so I'd like to just dispel that.

2 Also, I think it is appalling that the DOE is considering putting the nuclear repository at Yucca Mountain where -- that is native land, and we heard so eloquently from Corbin earlier who spoke about the treaty that is being violated. Do you think if that was a -- a section in the white suburbs, do you think the Federal Government would even attempt to do the same thing? I don't think so. I think it is a clear example of exploitation of native people once again, and I don't think it is appropriate.

3 An earlier gentleman spoke about the perception. We have a lot of hard working families in Nevada, good hard working people. We depend on this industry that we have here, namely gaming is one of them, and the economy that we have, which at the moment is thriving. What do you think would happen if the entertainment capital of the world becomes America's next Chernobyl? Do you think people will want to come here? No. And where will those jobs go? One year of having good jobs at a nuclear power plant is not worth 10,000 years of radiation should something happen. Just wanted to put that out there.

4 Also ask the question as to in light of all the overwhelming opposition that you folks have seen here today, not only public officials and citizens, but groups, it seems obvious that the majority of Nevadans are opposed to this. Why -- why is this still moving forward in the face of such opposition? I don't understand. If government is for the people, the people are speaking. Why aren't they being listened to? That's all my comments for right now. Thank you.