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1 WILLIE FRAGOSA: Good evening. Once again my name is Willie Fragosa, F-r-a-g-o-s-a. And I want to speak tonight as an individual, as a concerned citizen. [I guess I want to speak for all the biological life that can't speak for themselves, that includes all the life that I've been taught is all around us, starting with the rocks. There's many rocks in Yucca Mountain and the surrounding area and all the life there.

There's things there that we don't understand, no matter how much science we put to it, but there's life there that's already been moved. There's life there that is under change, under human change, and I can't help but think of the changes that are coming.

I was outside before I walked in and there's a child, a small child, and the parent had pushed the water fountain and the water came up. And the child said, Wow, amazing. And it struck me in that moment that, okay, in a hundred, 200 years, you know, can we still have that same thing? I mean, is a child going to go, wow, amazing that water came up, or are we going to put ourselves and future generations in trouble so that a simple act like getting water, you know, can still occur.

2 So [I also want to urge for the public record that we conduct these type of public meetings in a more public place rather than a casino. We've had this over and over again. It's been commented on that if we can get into a community center where the real people of Las Vegas are living. There's a lot of tourists here. There's a lot people who are really unconcerned with what we're here for.

And what I'd like to do is see a venue where we have more people that are interested in their well-being can actually hear what's going on, because as I see it, each time I go to a meeting it's only a few of us that actually come, and I believe it's because we don't give the opportunity to the general public.

3 [I know that I have to really search for the ads for the meetings, although I'm informed already about them, but just to find them I have to really work at it. So I don't believe that we really had a public process here. I don't believe that at all.

I don't think that, once again, we've had a good cross-section of the public here. If any of you are to look around I don't believe that you could actually come up with that reasonable thought that, yeah, we do have a cross-section here of people that this can affect.

I could say a lot more things, but I think I'll leave it at that. Thank you very much for your time, and I really hope that we get more public input into this process. As I see it this is really not a very good process.