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Dear Secretary Abraham:

We are outraged by the lack of involvement of the public and notification of all of the states that will be involved in this proposal to establish a high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain. If this plan is approved, it should be renamed the "National Graveyard of the United States." A major aquifer and seismic hazard zone will underlie this dangerous repository of nuclear waste. More than 50 million people will be affected by the transport of this poisonous nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain. We are formally requesting an answer to this question: Of the 43 states through which this deadly material will pass, how many millions of people have you notified of your proposal and these hearings, and when are you holding hearings in these states?

There have been inadequate notices of the hearings in the Federal Register, and the inaccessibility of the 370-page evaluation report and attendance at the three hearings in Nevada, make it impossible for the average citizen to be involved or have input in one of the most deadly projects to be forced down the throats of the American people.

It is clear that our rights as well as those of affected Nevadans are being violated by the DOE. We therefore call upon you to reschedule the hearings not only in Nevada, but throughout the United States, and specifically in all 43 states throughout which this deadly material will be transported.

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May we suggest the perfect medium to notify the public of your intentions and future meetings, since public involvement should always be your main priority and responsibility: Have you ever heard of television?

Do you think that our founding fathers would have approved of this suicidal project, destined to increase the incidence of and death rate from cancer? Perhaps we can rename Nevada "The Killing Fields."

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