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24 MR. SPENCE: Hi. Well, my name is Michael

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25 Spence, and I live in North Las Vegas. And I'm not

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1 going to waste anybody's time. It's past my bedtime.

2 Yucca Mountain has been the topic of a

3 discussion for many years. And I feel the waste has to

4 go somewhere, and Yucca Mountain is the most logical

5 place to store it. As a Nevada resident, of course,

6 everybody says not in my backyard, but if your backyard

7 is the best place for it, then, well, I say let's

8 benefit from it.

9 As we all know, the economy is on a very big

10 downslide. The Yucca Mountain Project will secure jobs

11 and even create many new jobs for Nevadans at the site

12 and along the routes. If we stop this, that would put

13 a lot of people out of work and add to our economic

14 downslide. And I have been out of work, and believe

15 me, I wouldn't wish that on anybody.

16 As I stated before, I feel that we as Nevada

17 residents should be compensated for taking on the risk

18 factors involved with the Yucca Mountain Project. And

19 I just jotted down a few. Pay our school taxes, cut

20 our federal income tax in half or pay it all.

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21 Whatever. Pay our Social Security taxes. Or my best
22 option, is give Nevadans a risk factor check. Monthly
23 or quarterly.

24 It doesn't have to be money. But that's what
25 works for me, and I know it works for a lot of people
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1 is money.

2 Let's face it, everywhere you go, there are
3 risks, and if the waste is transported here, and stored
4 in Yucca Mountain properly and safely, will that affect
5 my everyday life? No. No, it won't. But I would sure
6 like to have some compensation as a Nevada resident
7 because of the risk factors. Whether it comes by
8 planes, trains or automobiles, there should be
9 stipulations in place to where the EPA and other
10 agencies concerned should be permitted to call spot
11 inspections of the routes and facilities to ensure
12 everything is being done safely and properly. And
13 following procedures.

14 Oh, wait, look. That just created some more
15 jobs, didn't it?

16 The worst thing that could happen is that all

17 these protests do nothing, the waste comes here, the
18 Nevada residents get nothing for it. And that would be
19 the worst thing that would happen. So please don't let
20 this happen. I implore you to stop wasting time, money
21 and effort on this futile topic, and start focusing on
22 working out a compensation package for Nevada
23 residents. For the good of the economy, for the good
24 of the community, for the good of the United States,
25 please, let it come. Thanks for your time.

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