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Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Abraham:

We want to thank you for agreeing to provide video conferencing for the September 5, 2001 public hearing in Las Vegas, Nevada on your possible recommendation to the President on the Yucca Mountain Site in Nevada for development as a spent nuclear fuel and high-level nuclear waste geologic repository. The video conferencing will enable the citizens of Nevada outside of southern Nevada to participate in the site recommendation process.

As elected representatives of the people of Nevada, the citizens expect us to be able to represent them in the site recommendation process. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Senate Recording Studio facility also be connected to the Las Vegas hearing so that we may actively participate in this very important hearing.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter, we look forward to your timely response to this request.

Sincerely,

HARRY REID
United States Senator

JOHN ENSIGN
United States Senate

JIM GIBBONS
United States Representative

SHELLEY BERKLEY
United States Representative

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