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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

My husband and I have been residents of Las Vegas for two years. We moved here from New York for both better weather and quality of life. Since we've moved we've been very distressed and worried about the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Site proposal.

I have read all the articles, and attended several meetings concerning this grave situation. If I was concerned for obvious reasons before the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy, I am immensely worried now. Senator Ensign said in today's paper: "In the past, the question was "What if one of these shipments crashes?" Now the question is "What if someone blows it up?" It's a completely different scenario."

When the idea of Yucca Mountain was conceived back in the 1970s, the population of Las Vegas was very small. Today, with 1.4 million people living in Las Vegas alone, this is no longer the case. How can Yucca Mountain be considered safe with all that is going on now? No other state wants the responsibility for this plant, why does it have to fall to us?

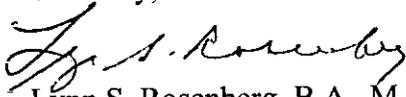
I could never understand why each state couldn't make their own arrangements for safe disposal sites, instead of bringing all their garbage to us. This has been forced on the citizens of Nevada at great cost both monetarily and emotionally. Just because so much time and effort has gone into this idea does not mean it has to go forth. The representatives who are pushing this forward do not live here. They are from Texas, Alaska, Michigan, and many other states which are far from our borders. Why should they care what happens in Nevada?

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The safety issues are enormous now considering the recent terrorist activities. The number of places and vacation opportunities, which have become unsafe lately, are immeasurable. Please do not add to the tentativeness of our lives and those of children now by pushing ahead with Yucca Mountain.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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