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Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director
 Office of Civilian Radioactive
 Waste Management
 Department of Energy
 Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Thank you for your letter concerning whether the Secretary should proceed with a recommendation to develop a repository at Yucca Mountain for spent nuclear waste.

I have followed this issue for all of the twenty years through which the Department has been studying the method and location of disposition. I feel the issue has been thoroughly investigated and, after \$6.7 billion spent on various studies, it is time for a decision.

Therefore, as Majority Chairman of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, I would urge the Secretary to send a positive recommendation to the President of the United States to proceed with the Yucca Mountain site as a repository for spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste.

Thank you for requesting my comments on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Arthur D. Hershey
 State Representative
 13th District

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