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MANUEL MARTINEZ: My name is Manuel Martinez,

9 and I was born and raised in Tonopah, Nevada. As a child
 10 we could go to our -- I think I was probably in the third
 11 grade when they were doing above-ground testing and we
 12 could go to -- in fact, we went to our school room window
 13 and looked across to the west and the south and watched
 14 the nuclear explosions take off. They were brighter in
 15 the sky than the sun was on a clear day, but I also
 16 watched a classmate's young brother that lived upwind of
 17 that -- in fact, his parents were on 60 Minutes a few
 18 years back -- that died of leukemia as a result of the
 19 radiation that floated up through the air and into the
 20 family's farm and the food and the milk that this young
 21 child drank, and it ultimately killed him.

22 So I'm very opposed to them continuing or
 23 even thinking about bringing that into the State of
 24 Nevada. I feel we've paid our dues. We had the nuclear
 25 tests going on above ground for many, many years that

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1 contaminated, you know, huge areas of the state of
 2 Nevada. I understand that the government owns most of
 3 the state of Nevada, but, you know, I don't know that we
 4 need to do any more than what we've already done. I

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5 think we've done enough as good citizens and as a good
6 state, helping the war effort so to speak so they could
7 develop these nuclear weapons to keep our country safe,
8 but now we're looking at a different aspect of the
9 nuclear age, and that's disposal of this waste.

10 I don't think Nevada should have to do
11 anything more than we've done, but I think more of a
12 concern -- and the rest of this country should be
13 concerned -- look at what happened to the towers on
14 September 11th, look at what happened at Oklahoma City,
15 and all you need is a few terrorists or a few radicals,
16 and these trains are coming across this country in these
17 containers, and someone decides to blow them up in the
18 midwest part of this country.

19 Granted, they're not going to explode, but if
20 they rupture those canisters, the wind is right, the
21 concussion from the explosion, do you not spread nuclear
22 waste, hazardous material all across huge, vast parts of
23 this country? I would think the rest of the country
24 should be as concerned or more concerned than we are
25 about that waste coming across this country and

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1 potentially creating more havoc in other areas than just

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2 the state of Nevada. I would think the rest of the
3 country would be in an uproar. I would hope that they
4 would be in support of not bringing it to Nevada. Nevada
5 is in an uproar about it coming to Nevada, and I think
6 the Department of Energy has a lot of work to do.

7 I don't think you're going to get -- as this
8 gentleman said, this isn't going to come into Nevada
9 without a fight. Being a native Nevadan, loving this
10 state, I don't want any more of what has happened in the
11 past to come into the state of Nevada in the future.