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17 Far out, guys. Love to see you.

18 You know, I just turned 41 years old. I am a
19 fifth-generation Nevadan. My family were some of the
20 first white people to settle in this state, and through
21 my lifetime I've always considered myself one of the
22 bravest people I know, and I am scared, and I'm mad, and
23 I'm going to tell you right now, you do not want to get
24 that vented upon you. This is bad.

25 My three best friends I've grown up with my

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1 entire life are geologists, and they would tell you the
2 man that just stood there and said different, that he's
3 lying, that the science is flawed.

4 I am a sportsman, and I cannot tell you how
5 proud I am when I'm standing on the top of Mount Bunker
6 Hill in the Toiyabe Range, looking down and around and my
7 hunting dog is standing next to me, how proud I am to
8 live here. This is the greatest place on the planet.
9 It's a paradise, it is not a wasteland, and anybody that
10 treats it like one better look the hell out because I'm
11 not asking you not to put it here. I'm telling you,
12 everybody who lives here does not want this here.

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13 We acknowledge that waste is dangerous, but
14 we didn't build any, we didn't make any, and we don't
15 want it. We have been nuked more than anyplace on the
16 planet already. Get it straight. It's wrong. And when
17 you stuff something down people's throats, that's an
18 attack, and if you attack me, you're going to get the
19 same in return. I'm not taking it. I've been to many,
20 many, many of these hearings, and I will do whatever it
21 takes to keep it out of here. I'll go to jail, I'll go
22 to prison, I will do whatever has to happen, and that's
23 what the Department of Energy needs to understand,
24 because I'm not alone in that, not at all.

25 We sit here and every day we've been watching

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1 on television how -- and in tremendous distaste, and so
2 we should -- how the Taliban and the other Islamic
3 extremists have been forcing upon the world their faith,
4 and we're horrified by that, but that's just an idea.
5 It's not poison of the physical sense. This is poison,
6 it kills people, and I will acknowledge that it needs to
7 do -- something needs to happen to it, but it needs to
8 happen somewhere else. It's not going to happen here,
9 and everybody needs -- everybody in here, when we were

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10 standing outside, we all said exactly what I'm saying,
11 but I'm the only one that's stood up here and said that.
12 You don't bring it to my home because I have
13 children, and I intend on having grandchildren, and I
14 don't ever intend moving more than ten square miles from
15 here, where I'm standing right now, and you better
16 believe I believe it's worth fighting for.