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2 MR. BAXLEY: My name is James Preston Baxley,
3 Sr. I'm a resident of Lincoln County. With my southern
4 accent you probably took it I'm not from here. I am
5 from Florida. I've been here going on three years, so I
6 feel like I could now come forward and at least have a
7 say in this.

8 I hauled nuclear material in the early '70s,
9 and all this hoopla about how dangerous it is and
10 what-have you is beginning to get a lot harder for me to
11 swallow. For one thing the stuff is in 12-inch thick
12 cast lead lined containers. If you can throw it off a
13 mountain, it wouldn't rupture and a lot of people don't
14 realize this, I don't think.

15 Anyway I'm approaching it from an economic
16 standpoint up until about this afternoon when I was
17 thinking about this. I'm a professional truck driver.
18 I've either been a driver or manager in mid level with a
19 trucking firm somewhere in the south, southeast. So I
20 do have some experience, expertise I feel in it. It's
21 not as dangerous as folks are making out it is.

22 Now, I don't know -- I'm not an engineer or a
23 scientist, but this much I do believe. It has now

24 reached the point that we need to re-evaluate what we're
25 thinking. When you take medication, they usually give
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1 you a card that says there are potential side effects.
2 You weigh the good you think you'll get out of this
3 medication versus the chance of something really bad
4 happening to you.

5 We've now reached the point where -- it's
6 like this rose. It's beautiful. Some people only see
7 the rose and other see the thorns.

8 Now, I see the rose with this when we can run
9 an aircraft carrier as big as one of them we have now
10 without ever having to fuel it again. That's a real
11 positive. Or a submarine that can stay under water
12 until they just have to come up, but not for the lack of
13 fuel. 20 years between fueling.

14 Now, who knows how many hundred years in the
15 future you'll never convince me that it will leak. I
16 hauled it into Barville, South Carolina, and I seen the
17 extent they went to taking care of things there, and I
18 think we got a more secure potential site here in Nevada
19 than we had in South Carolina.

20 I was hoping some of my local citizens would

21 be here where I could tell them how I feel about it. I
22 feel it's a good place to put, it. Not because I live
23 here or anywhere else, but if we don't get something
24 turned around in our thinking. I imagine the people in
25 California by now would be interested in what I'm having

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1 to say. Aren't they tired of paying those outrageous
2 power bills?

3 And I'm not racially prejudice, even from the
4 south I never have been, but it don't take no rocket
5 scientist to figure out those folks were living in tents
6 driving camels and now all of a sudden they got money to
7 finance taking down two of our buildings in New York and
8 killing thousands of people.

9 We need to reduce our dependency on foreign
10 oil. I'm talking about -- time talking about it is over
11 with. We need to do something. If we don't, it won't
12 matter whether that leaks down there or not.

13 And that's about how I feel about it. I hope
14 that I have said makes sense. I love America.

15 MR. LUPTON: Thank you, sir.

16 MR. BAXLEY: And the benefits of what we're
17 trying to do here is a whole lot better than the

18 alternative. These folks that are worrying about it
19 here in town got signs hanging all over the fence, and I
20 respect their right to do it. It says our families are
21 not expendable, mine ain't either. There's two skid
22 marks in a road all the way from Florida. My two boys
23 drove me out here. They came out visiting friends and
24 fell in love with it. I have to leave here to make a
25 living.

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1 Caliente itself, if this goes through, will
2 have -- I don't know how many jobs will be involved,
3 some 20 drivers, a terminal manager, facility operator.
4 We need those kind of jobs. Don't the local people
5 realize sooner or later that we need something here?
6 Anyways thank you for our time and I hope the
7 legislators feel the same way I do. We need to do
8 something.