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 US Department of Energy
 Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
 1551 Hillshire Drive
 Las Vegas NV 89134

Gentlemen,

We are unable to attend the hearing in Caliente on November 15. We wanted to address the situation. We are in possession of your nuclear waste study.

- 1 [We are and have been extremely upset about the transportation of nuclear waste across the nation, our state, and having the "proposed favorite route" (you've already made your decision) rail route within 1/4 mile of our home.]
- 2 [Everyone know that the terrorists have the RPG's in this country, our congressmen have told us so. This would be an excellent opportunity to do serious damage to our country to blow up one or more of these trains.]
- 3 [We moved from the Las Vegas area several years ago, at our own expense, to be able to retire AWAY from noise, pollution, people, congestion, etc. If we wanted to listen to a train or be close to possible train derailments of dangerous materials 1/4 mile from our home, we would have built our dream home in Caliente, NOT 8 miles away. You are destroying our way of life. What on earth gives you that ability? It is certainly NOT a right. Obviously we don't have the ability to ruin YOUR home or way and style of life, how would you like it if we did? Just for one minute second, put yourself in our position. IF you were an honest person or part of an honest government, you wouldn't like it either.

Your study referred to us as "minimal impact" with the placement of the rail line. Here's a newflash for you, **WE ARE NOT "MINIMAL IMPACT", WE ARE LIVING BREATHING HUMAN BEINGS**, unlike the Department of Energy!

Since you are destroying our peaceful and safe way of life, are you going to buy our home or just stick it to us, since the rail line is going to be so close? When there is an event where radiation leaks, we will be extremely ill or dead. Our property values will plummet and no one in their right mind will purchase our home.]

- 1 cont. [We have written to you in the past when you had these useless hearings in Caliente, since you have already made your decision. You didn't have the courtesy to answer our comments then, and you probably won't this time either, but we have to try to do what we can to save our home and way of life.]
- 4 [A recent poll showed that 76% of Nevadans **DO NOT** want nuclear waste transported or stored in our state. What part of NO don't you understand? We thought we lived in a democracy where majority rules, but you have turned it into a dictatorship. Maybe Nevada should withdraw from the rest of the country, become our own country, and then you won't

ship the most dangerous substance on the face of the earth to a foreign country!]

5 [Why doesn't someone reverse the uninformed law enacted by Carter, and find out from our European friends, if we have any left after Bush's actions, how they reprocess the waste instead of endangering American's lives.]

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cont [Your response please, and not a rubber stamp one that doesn't address our concerns, either!]

Sincerely,

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Senator John Ensign
Congressman Dean Heller
Governor Jim Gibbons