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Please make the following a part of the record of the public comment on the possible recommendation of the Yucca Mountain site for development as a spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste geologic repository. Thank you.

A recommendation to develop Yucca Mountain as a repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste endangers the citizens of Nevada and of every state through which this waste would travel to reach Yucca Mountain. Not only could the waste poison our water, soil, crops and livestock, but it could also be the target of terrorist attacks. The terrorists have a unique ability to use this country's resources, and potentially its nuclear and radioactive waste, against us.

The prudent and responsible course of action is to leave the waste where it is. Its transport will endanger not only those in the vicinity of the waste's current repository, but will endanger many, many more individuals through its transport and storage in Nevada. Every senator and congress person through whose state or district the waste may be transported should take all measures to block the development of Yucca Mountain as a nuclear repository, and in the event that this country's federal officials fail to adequately protect their constituents from life-threatening hazards, the State of Nevada, and every jurisdiction through which the waste may travel, should seek any and all available legal remedies against the United States government in order to block the proposed transport and storage of nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain.