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Senator John Edwards  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Senator Edwards:

On May 1st I called your office to urge you to continue voting against Senate bill 1287, and to sustain the President's veto. This bill is a very bad nuclear waste bill, which would rush the launch of tens of thousands of shipments of deadly high-level atomic waste through 43 states, past the homes of 50 million Americans, all to an uncertain future at an unsuitable, leaky, earthquake-prone dumpsite on sacred Western Shoshone Indian land at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

We do appreciate your support for full evidentiary hearings on CP & L's request to the NRC to be allowed to double its storage of hot nuclear waste in the heart of the Triangle area. You say the two things are not connected, and that's true. Neither one is a good solution to safe storage of all this accumulating waste, which is far more dangerous after it leaves the reactor than before it goes into it.

I'm disappointed that you let CP & L connect the two things. You say they promised "that the company would not need to use all four of its storage pools at Shearon Harris if the bill passed." You said, "The bottom line is, it's less waste stored in North Carolina and less nuclear waste shipped through North Carolina."

I don't see how this can be true. How much can we rely on the promises of CP & L? They promised the public to answer all the questions we have been raising for a year and a half now, and they have not done so. Do you know how these shipments will flow? How many will go through North Carolina? But the opening of new storage pools at Shearon Harris means lots more waste transported through North Carolina from their plants in South Carolina and Wilmington. The train track that right now brings such shipments passes about a mile from my house, past many North Carolinians' homes.

Obviously, this is a thorny issue. But there are some safer solutions proposed for what CP & L can do here: store the waste when it's five years old in dry casks at the generating reactors.

I appreciate your desire to help North Carolina. But I think you need to reconsider your vote. I understand that yours is the deciding vote, and that this bill will come up again. That it lacked one more vote for passage. I will send this to my friends in other parts of the country. Maybe their senators will listen to them, too. I send a copy also to Senator Jesse Helms. Maybe he sees clearly on this issue.

These spent fuel rods contain the quite lethal Cesium 129, and already Shearon Harris has too much of it stored in pools, far more than was at Chernobyl. I know you realize the dangers we are talking about. If I can help you think this through, feel free to call on me. I know you are trying

to do your best for North Carolina and worked hard to get adequate flood relief funds last year.

Please reconsider your vote when this bill comes up again.

Sincerely,

Judy Hogan

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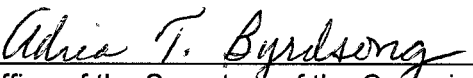
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