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Dear Chief Meyer,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the licensure of Private Fuel Storage (PFS) for the transport, transfer and storage of nuclear waste on the Goshute Indian Reservation in the western desert of Utah.

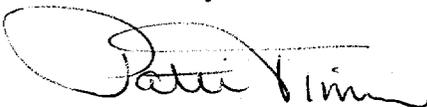
Have we learned nothing in the past 50 years of experimenting with elements that we cannot neutralize? We moved forward with Nuclear Energy without long-term data to realize the outcome of our actions. We started using the energy without knowing how to absolutely prevent accidents in the power plant facilities. We have exposed countless numbers of people to radiation with or without intent to harm.

Now, a limited liability company will continue the legacy of irresponsible radioactive material experimentation. Moving 40,000 metric tons of spent fuel rods across the country by rail is fraught with opportunities for disaster. There is no reason any person should think that such an action is safe and in the best interests of the United States. There is no accountability for PFS if there is a catastrophe. One accident, just one, is completely unacceptable.

The Goshute Reservation is located within earthquake fault lines. Local government continuously tells Utahans that it is not a question of *if we will have an earthquake*; the question is *when we have an earthquake*. The entire Nation could be impacted by the expected natural disaster in the Utah west desert. This does not even address the fact that military test bombing is regularly performed in the Utah west desert.

**Please**, keep the waste where it originated. Those that benefit from the energy must be accountable for the waste they produce. The potential danger is much to great for Utahans *and the rest of the Nation* to even consider such an insane proposal.

Thank you,



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