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Dear Mr. Meyer:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the Private Fuel Storage L.L.C. (PFS) license application with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to build and operate a commercial, centralized, away-from-reactor, high level nuclear waste storage facility on the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indian Reservation, Utah. Although I fully recognize the difficulties surrounding nuclear waste storage and the need for a safe location, I am concerned about several aspects of the proposal.

First, although a temporary storage facility is an appealing idea, in reality, the facility is unlikely to remain temporary. Once nuclear waste has been stored there, the incentive to situate a long-term storage facility would dissipate. I am concerned that this prospect has not been taken into account in the consideration of this site.

Second, such a temporary site would necessitate additional transportation of high level nuclear waste. I realize that in some cases, waste must be transported. However, the addition of a temporary storage facility inserts an extra leg into the trip the waste must make on the way to permanent disposal. With the risks posed by transportation, I consider this to be an unacceptable gamble.

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Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to working with you to ensure that the storage of nuclear waste takes place in the safest and most prudent means possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Cannon", written in a cursive style.

Chris Cannon
Member of Congress

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