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Dear Mr. Richardson,

Hey, Bill...in addition to the comments below, I live 1 mile away from I-95 ("the expressway") where any of the nuclear waste would pass. With so many valid reasons (again, see below) to avoid the Yucca Mtn option, why choose this pursuit of folly?

Surely time would be better spent to seek out an alternative option as well as options to reduce the waste being generated.

I am opposed to storing high level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Yucca Mountain is on land guaranteed the Western Shoshone Nation through the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley. The mountain is sacred to Shoshone and Pauite peoples. In addition to the moral injustice of storing America's deadliest garbage on sacred Native territories, I am opposed to the Yucca Mountain project because it poses a serious health risk to all Americans.

Yucca Mountain is a seismically active, leaky mountain and does not meet the containment requirements for isolating radioactivity for the next quarter million years.

I believe America must stop producing nuclear waste and invest in a safe energy future. I urge you to protect all Americans and the original peoples of this land by enacting policies that phase out nuclear power and herald in renewable energy resources and energy efficiency.

In closing, Mr. Bill, I wish you the best of luck (it's been a tough week, huh?) and hope that you'll provide leadership for the "high road" on this & other matters.

Cheers from a nuke-free republican (i know, it's tough).....

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