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Dear Mr. Richardson,

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.

Secretary Richardson, it really comes down to some fundamental questions. Are you for adhering to justice by honoring a valid treaty and the short and long term health of the nation or are you just a puppet for the corporate energy demagogues? If you do stand on real principles, that why not prove it by your actions? Though you will be out of your cabinet position soon, it's not too late to correct this terrible injustice to our indigenous people and protect the health and welfare of all citizens.

Sincerely,

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