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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the use of low-level nuclear waste in consumer products. I believe that by doing this, the NRC is knowingly allowing people to be exposed to dangerous radiation. All nuclear waste should be monitored, and all nuclear waste that has been deregulated should be recaptured. Radiation from nuclear waste, even at low levels, is extremely harmful and it is not known how serious the effects of deregulated nuclear waste can be. If it is true, as the NRC claims, that no harm has come from deregulation then recapture should not be an issue.

I do not want any nuclear waste allowed into consumer products. If we do not know what to do with dangerous nuclear waste, perhaps we should cease using nuclear energy. By deregulating low levels of nuclear waste (or generating nuclear waste at all), we are leaving behind dangerous radiation that will exist for thousands of generations and affect our children and the earth that sustains us.

Thank you for your time,
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