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Dear Secretary,

I received a notice saying you are considering putting low level nuclear materials into the environment.(consumer products, landfills, sewers) I, and my husband Richard, are formally requesting you not to do so.

We are also asking that you file an extension of 90 days for a comment period. We also want a confirmation that you have received this, in writing.

My family has been affected by poisons in the environment in at least four ways that i know of. As this is the case, even low levels of extra radiation are of major concern. My uncle fought in the Korean War and had life-long malaria thereafter. He sought environmental purity in the far removed wilds of Jamestown, N.Y. It turned out that the neighboring town was a dump site for bad stuff. He found out just as he was dying of metastatic cancer.

My father worked at Diamond Alkalai in 1945. He was a chemist manufacturing soap and agent orange. While he was there, everyone but him had a strange shedding of the skin up to the elbows. All in his division were dead of cancer by the early 1950's except for him. Years later, he was tested and had 300 times the amount of dioxin in his system as is safe for a man to have. He was very strong and fought multiple cancer sites in his life until dying of a brain tumor.

I was a child born after 1945. The children before 1945 are fine. Not so, the children after. I have cancer. One and a half months after I went through chemo, I watched my father-in-law die of lung cancer. He stopped smoking 25 years before, but who knows what was in and around Martinsville, Va?

Cancer is rising at an alarming rate. Recent statistics have it that 4.5 out of 10 Americans can expect it. How can you, the people who are supposed to protect us; consider risking raising the national cancer rate? You are aware of the things we are subjected to on a daily basis. How can you say after we've unleashed this terrible nuclear monster that any level on top of that is safe? With this knowledge and these statistics, I would think you should be concerned for your very own bodies and souls!

Sincerely,
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