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Dear Secretary:

I am extremely concerned to hear that the NRC is considering allowing unregulated recycled nuclear waste into household products. I am also very concerned that it is considering allowing the dumping of nuclear waste into sites such as landfills that are not designed to take radioactive materials. What's worse is that the public will have no way of knowing if a given product or location contains nuclear waste because upon entering the recycling stream, it will be virtually impossible to trace where the radioactive particles go. And the likelihood of the products being labeled is next to none. I am very concerned that this radiation could be allowed in products such as eating utensils, cookware, dental braces, toys and baby products.

The public does not need more exposure to radiation; we are already exposed to background radiation as it is. No level of ionizing radiation has been determined to be completely safe, and there would be no way to determine the radiation exposure from the various products involved. I realize that disposal of radioactive waste is a huge problem and that recycling the waste would create a partial solution for the nuclear industry. However, by doing this the nuclear industry would be off the hook and would not be forced to come up with viable long-term solutions for dealing with the waste. In addition, there would be less reason to try to phase out nuclear power and come up with alternative energy solutions.

For the sake of all Americans, I urge you to reconsider allowing this waste into mainstream products and locations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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