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To Whom It May Concern:

On the eve of Earth Day 2008, I am compelled to write this letter regarding EnergySolutions' proposal to store Italian nuclear waste in their Utah facility.

I urge you to realize not only the precedent you would establish by approving this proposal, but also the consequentially negative ramifications which could certainly result. By accepting radioactive waste from European countries, you significantly place lives in danger, not only in the present but for future generations, given potential for a nuclear accident or gradual container leakage to occur.

Having watched my husband undergo aggressive treatment for an advanced stage of colon cancer, I cannot understand why any conscientious lawmaker would consider for a second bringing in hazardous, cancer causing waste from another country. Utah already has an unfortunate legacy with respect to cancer incidence. "Downwinders" who suffer from higher rates of cancer following nuclear bomb testing in Nevada would certainly not advocate EnergySolutions' proposal. Our society must begin by eliminating dangerous particles from our environment rather than increasing them if a true cure for cancer is ever to be discovered.

Governor Jon Huntsman is on copy to this letter because my understanding from reading the article that appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune on April 20, 2008, is that he has the authority to say "no" to EnergySolutions' proposal.

From a concerned wife and mother, this proposal is not worth any amount of money or whatever other economic benefits to the state of Utah you think would result given the potential for an accident proportionate to Exxon Valdez to occur. The perception that the United States can be turned into a nuclear waste dumping ground may also be an unfortunate consequence if you do not stand up for our environment and...just say no.

Sincerely,



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