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Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen My name is Carol Levin, and Im from Guilford, which is within the 10 miles zone from Vermont Yankee.

My husband, Richard Gottlieb, died February 15th, 2012 from a bone cancer disease, multiple myeloma, with a secondary more devastating soft tissues disease caused by the multiple myeloma, amyloidosis that affected Richards swallowing mechanism and his heart. The damage to his heart is what proved fatal when his heart stopped on that day after Valentines Day.

We have been over the years big supporters of the localvore movement, buying and eating and drinking many products grown here in Windham County and the tri-state area.

When it was announced that Strontium 90 was found in the wells at the VY plant, I did some research and found that its main effect was that it is calcium seeking toxic that gets into the ground and ground water, and then through grass and other plants that animals and humans eat, it gets to human bone tissue.

Although Im not absolutely certain, but highly suspect that the effects of Strontium 90 probably caused of my husbands cancer. We drank milk, ate vegetables, fruit, cheese, chicken, meat, yogurt and ice cream, all grown and produced locally. The major work force impacted by this particular kind of cancer are workers in the oil refinery business, but Richard lived in southern Vermont for nearly 40 years and was in the solar energy

business.

I urge all who are involved in this nuclear plant to decommission as soon as possible, and remove and remediate all the toxic materials in the ground, in the ground water and in the aquifers under the property and the buildings, both inside and in the ground under them.

Two recommendations I have are:

1. The dry cast containers now being considered in a temporary location, but most likely they will become permanent. They need to be treated and secured now as if it were a permanent right away so no harm comes to the community if they are disrupted. .

2 .In 60 years none of us here in this room will probably be alive to deal with this closed and toxic nuclear plant and its surroundings. We have absolutely no projection on what the economy might be in 60 years from now. So please use the funds that are available to decommission this nuclear plant NOW.

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PS: I think it would be very prudent for the VT Department of Health to do a retrospective study of the students, teachers and staff who have been at the Vernon School since Vermont Yankee opened, right across the road from the school. This would be to see the impact of cancers on their lives, which I project to be significantly higher than in a normal population. (to meet the short speaking time, I eliminated this paragraph from the onsite presentation, but spoke to Bill Irwin, VT Dept. of Health.)