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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity for us to voice our opinions on the matter of the nuclear waste disposal in Andrews.

My opinion is a vehement NO.

This part of West Texas is unique in the world. It may seem ugly to those who are accustomed to a lot of grass and trees, but the desert has its own beauty, its own climate, and its own diverse biology. We tolerate the oil rigs. It's not great, but it sustains our economy WITHOUT GREATLY JEOPARDIZING OUR ENVIRONMENT. I do not believe, no matter what the talking heads tell me, that storing nuclear waste here is safe, nor in any way a good idea.

I have lived in Andrews for right at 30 years, and it's a nice place. Overall, I think our community leaders have made good choices. But with this, they've missed the mark. I know they are worried about the oil economy, and WCS is waving dollars at them. It's tempting, of course. Taxes fund a lot of good things for the community; I get that. But at what point does the risk outweigh the money? Right now. At this point right here. This issue. Would you want it in your back yard? Of course you wouldn't. Would you suspect that things could and would eventually go wrong? Of course you would.

Send it to an unpopulated area, or make a deal with some third world country, or something. Don't do this to us just because some local crack-whores are jonesing for their next fix. That's a terrible analogy, and I hate to say it that way, but it feels like we're being sold, and sold out, to the highest bidder. The logic is that it's safer to put it here because we're remote and relatively sparsely populated. THAT DOESN'T MAKE US FEEL BETTER. There may only be 18,000 of us here, but we like to think our lives matter, too. We've survived oil busts before, and we will continue to survive by making prudent choices about what we allow into our community.

Sincerely,

Sandra Underwood

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