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Dear Mr. Malcolm R. Knapp,

I am a freshman at Northwestern University here in Evanston. I am also a member of our dorm's Philanthropy Committee, and it has come to my attention that there is a proposed federal regulation that would allow "low-level" radioactive waste to be placed in ordinary landfills rather than special disposal sites.

Sir, I realize cost and efficiency are probably the two reasons for your agency to want this change, but I believe you are making a very serious and deadly mistake that will kill hundreds, if not thousands, of innocent victims.

An ordinary landfill for radioactive waste? It is ludicrous and absurd.

Children play in dumps.

Honest, hard-working individuals work in dumps.

People of all ages go to dumps to look for useful items.

Dogs, squirrels, birds and other animals go near dumps.

Why do you want to give them cancer and kill them?

That is what will happen. Radioactive waste, no matter how "low level," can kill. That is the bottom line, and I and my fellow students find your proposal to be an outrage.

This deadly material needs to continue to be treated specially by being put in special disposal sites not ordinary dumps. If this has become too much of a bother for your agency or too costly, then perhaps it is time to stop

using nuclear energy. Don't kill people.
I know a letter from one 18 year-old
registered voter from Nebraska won't cause you
to withdraw the proposal.

I think it will be your conscience.

Think about it. The future of the environment is
dependent on your decision. Your grandchildren's
children will have to live the results of your
decision. Make them proud of you.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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