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Dear NRC:

Please discontinue all plans for shipping nuclear/spent fuel waste into New Mexico for storage. We all know this will not be permanent storage, so why risk all those lives to haul it across the country? The move doesn't have the proper funding, and no matter how many billions of dollars are thrown in, it will never be as safe moving above ground as it is underground where it is right now. Which is not safe because a real solution wasn't properly budgeted in the first place. We may be fewer people in New Mexico than in most other states, but that does not mean we prize our health and love our grandchildren any less! New Mexico is making big progress and big news with our transition to safer, sustainable power. We're supposed to accept other states' lack of safe planning? a possible bomb in our laps? IT'S JUST TOO DANGEROUS! WE DON'T WANT IT HERE! Our long-term sacrifice for the good of the country is Los Alamos. We stood by while nuclear waste from their dump was hauled on trucks through our capital city; where forest fires threaten the levels of ambient radiation around our capital city! They don't even know where all their stuff is buried, if it's leaking, or if underground leaks could move through the earth to the loose and shifting sands in southern New Mexico. Wherever the storage places are now, spend the money right there to make it safer while a permanent storage place is developed. I think it is very short-sighted to be hauling stuff around the country, putting many more lives and dwindling food-sources at risk. I can just see the world news flashes laughing at us! Instead of implementing safe burial of nuclear materials, it's like a response to the pandemic: just jump on the roads (or rails) and increase the dangers to other environments. We knew it was going to be expensive to figure out how to safely dispose of nuclear waste. Let's just do it, instead of shifting it around on top of the ground, underfunded. What are you thinking? Have you purchased enough insurance against bodily harm to be covered in every state at the level of the average motorist? Are you sure you are abiding by the laws of interstate commerce? properly notifying everyone along the way, getting their comments and approval signatures? What if the trains are stopped by authorities, hit by a violent storm? faced with a few thousand bodies across the tracks? Will you kill just to make highly populous communities feel safer? risk the lives of "peace keeping" policemen? Doesn't the research show how far a good strike on Los Alamos would carry without making it ten times worse? If we don't even have the funds to safely transport it, let's use what we do have to invest in a permanent solution. And as for the future, if "only" 20% of the American population has no better energy source, why not commit a few billion into THEIR economies? Where is the research and education towards fiscal , ethical responsibility? USING LESS, USING SAFELY, SPENDING WISELY. New Mexico is leading out on this! We'll show you the way.

Yours very sincerely,

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