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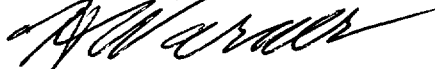
Dear Sirs:

It has come to my attention that the nuclear power and weapons industries, the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission want to dispose of radioactive waste by recycling it into consumer products, as I feared, instead of storing it responsibly. The generators of this waste want to profit by using the waste to make new products. Selling these products to the public would cause untold numbers of people to be exposed to radiation through their braces, silverware, and virtually any other material.

We hear that radioactive metal is already being sold by the DOE to scrap metal dealers and that DOE facilities have 1.4 million tons of metal they plan to recycle. The material is being released on a case-by-case basis and is being manufactured into new products without any warning labels

The only government group that can estimate radiation doses from materials made with all of these recycled radioactive substances is the NRC. No dose of radiation, greater than that to which we are normally exposed from outer space, is acceptable. Exposures to radiation should be avoided as much as possible, not increased through an industry-backed rulemaking!

Sincerely,



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