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Dear Secretary Richardson, Senator Durbin,
and Senator Fitzgerald:

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I am writing to you this evening to express my concern regarding the recycling of radioactive wastes and materials.

The prospect of these items winding up in everyday consumer products is a frightening one at the very least. Combined with the fact that the primary contractor has a track record of acknowledged past mistakes; that it has falsified safety records; that inadequate testing has been conducted; and that, as I understand it, the contractor has the primary responsibility for monitoring this process, leaves me to believe that the almighty dollar is more important than the precious health and safety of the public.

Dealing with radioactive materials is costly if done in the manner which is least harmful. As a taxpayer, I would rather bear the cost of dealing with these materials in a responsible manner than dealing with the grave consequences.

Please do whatever you can to see that these materials do not end up in products that my loved ones and friends come into contact with on their supper table, their children's toy, and any other product we assume to be free of this harmful substance.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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