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Ms. Carol Hanlon
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

Many years and many billions of dollars have been spent to find a suitable location for a high-level radioactive waste storage facility. That location has been identified.

Considering the excellent safety record that the commercial nuclear power industry has established is due in no small part to the federal requirements and standards governing its operation, is there any reason to expect that similar federal requirements and standards result in the selection of an unsuitable repository.

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

The federal government is years delinquent in its responsibility to relieve the commercial nuclear power industry of the burden of storing high-level radioactive waste. All the evidence indicates the correct site has been found and the correct methods are at hand.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

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