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20 MS. STEWART: Hi. I am Sheri Mann Stewart,
21 and this is my baby boy Kendall. We live in the
22 wonderful neighborhood of Lake Claire in a co-
23 housing community directly across from the train
24 tracks on DeKalb Avenue, which is one of the CSX
25 lines. From Kendall's window in his room he

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1 watches the trains go by. During the 14 months of
2 his life he has grown to love trains. Although he
3 doesn't speak much yet, he has a sign that he
4 makes with his hand that means that there's a
5 train, and we'll run up to his room and look out
6 at it pass. [I don't have the heart to tell him
7 that the trains he loves so much may be carrying
8 things that could shorten his life or even kill
9 him.

10 A photo was taken a few years back of a cask
11 sitting on the track right next to our house. It
12 sat there for several hours. There was no security
13 protecting it. A radiation reading taken nearby
14 showed a level of ten background. The level of the
15 radiation that Kendall and I would be exposed to
16 would have a significant impact on the total
17 amount of radiation we would be exposed to over
18 the course of our lives. Even if an accident
19 weren't to happen, our lives would probably be
20 shortened.]

21 We are here representing the other 12
22 families of our co-housing community, hundreds of
23 others in our neighborhood and thousands in the
24 Atlanta neighborhood area who live along the
25 tracks and could not be here today. There are

1 also two schools near us which are directly next
2 2... to the tracks. [We say that you have no right to
3 put our lives in danger like this. Our government
4 is supposed to to be by the people and for the
5 people, not by industry and big business and even
6 politicians and for industry, big businesses and
7 politicians. The people do not want these casks
8 being transported by our homes.]

9 All of you here today who have the power to
10 affect this decision, take a moment to search your
11 hearts. What if Kendall and I were your son or
12 daughter or grandchild? Would you really want
13 these trains passing by our homes? If you are
14 honest with yourselves, the answer will be no. If
15 it's not good enough for your family, it's not
16 good enough for any other citizen, not for any
17 other human being here in Georgia or in Nevada or
18 in any of the other states. Imagine how you would
19 feel one day, maybe years from now, maybe after
20 you've retired, if you woke up one morning, turned
21 up the news and heard about a train accident in
22 Georgia in which radioactive material was leaked,
23 neighborhoods have been evacuated and people have
24 been hospitalized from exposure. Perhaps you
25 would remember my face and Kendall's and wonder if

1 we were some of the people. How would you sleep
2 with a clear conscience if you allow these casks
3 to pass? Don't put yourself in the position of
4 having to sit in front of a legislative hearing or
5 a jury of citizens years from now, having to
6 testify why this decision was made when you knew
7 2 cont. the risks were high. [It is unethical to make this
8 decision which bows to industry and money at the
9 risk of human safety. I know you are all ethical
10 people. Use your positions to make sure this
11 mistake is avoided. Use your positions to make
12 sure that you and we can sleep well at night,
13 knowing that you've put our lives above industry
14 interests.] Use your power to let Kendall love
15 trains without having to fear them. Thank you.

16 MR. LAWSON: Thank you. Okay. Before we
17 take a recess, I just want to tell you how much I
18 appreciate people sticking by the guidelines that
19 I've set forth. I really appreciate that
20 cooperation. We have a lot more people to hear.
21 According to my official clock, it's about three
22 minutes of 3:00. We'll start at five past 3:00.
23 So be back, and we'll close the doors at that
24 time. Thank you.

25 (Brief recess.)

1 MR. LAWSON: I'd like to ask the people to
2 take their seats, please. Please take your seats.
3 If you're electing to continue conversations,
4 please do so out in the hall. Thank you very
5 much. If I could ask that the door be closed also?
6 Before we get started in this session, I just want
7 to announce Paul Craig is here. Paul, where are
8 you? He's right over here. He came up to me just
9 before the break just to let you folks know that
10 he's here. He's a member of the United States
11 Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board. They are
12 not going to make a statement. They're an
13 oversight group which is overseeing this project,
14 as it does a number of other projects for the
15 Department of Energy. And if anybody would like to
16 talk to him, I'm sure you can during the session.

17 I apologize for not announcing who the next
18 speakers would be. The first one would be
19 Victoria Parker. She'll be Followed by Kay Citron
20 and then Susan Alzner.