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MS. BACOT: My name is Sarah Bacot. I'm a student at Billingshurst Middle School. I have written a poem, kind of like a description of why -- what my poem is trying to say.

So here it goes. Why? Why do you want to do something so damaging? Why would you want to put millions of people's lives in danger? Why would you want to spread cancer to innocent people who just happen to be outside at the wrong time?

Why would you want to kill animals and plants who have nothing to do with this in the first place? Why would you want to make one of Nevada's powerful mountains into a disgusting shameful mountain? Why would you want to destroy Native Americans' sacred ground when you really have no right to pull a weed on their territory?

Why do you want to destroy such beautiful land of gorgeous sunsets, perfect shadows, and so many endangered species? Why do you want to put such a large burden on our country's future? Don't we already have enough? So I ask you again, why?

Okay. What I'm trying to say in my poem is that this land really is beautiful. I first moved here about four years here from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I personally didn't think this land is that pretty, but if you just take a closer look, there are so many things like animals and beautiful plants and stuff.

1 So also I have a question. [Why do you want to put this nuclear waste in our state when we don't even have a nuclear power plant?

So I just want to say, please don't destroy this land and please don't destroy our homes.]

Thank you.

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