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MS. PARNELL: Good afternoon. For the record, I am Assembly Woman Bonnie Parnell. I represent District 40, and District 40 is actually the majority of Carson City right here.

Thank you for letting me run up. I'm downstairs. I'm a commission member of the School Safety and Juvenile Violence Commission, and we are still meeting this afternoon.

1 [I'm here this afternoon simply to state my opposition to the storage of spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain.] My involvement in this issue began in the early '80s when the Nevada Parent Teachers Associations Board of Managers decided it was an issue that the members should investigate and take a position on.

Workshops both pro and con were conducted, and the membership voted to oppose Yucca Mountain as a site for storage of nuclear waste. That opposition continues today.

As an elected official, I have continued to study the issue, and I have the three following concerns:

2 [First, the Cal Tech report questioning the stability of the site based on its earthquake potential. Just for your information, I was raised in Southern California, and I know that when Cal Tech speaks, people listen.

And I think we definitely need to listen to what Cal Tech had to say about this potential site.]

[Next, the transportation of nuclear waste into our state and the implications therein.

1 continued Finally, I'm concerned about the possibility that generations to come may be subject to the effects related to ground water contamination. That is one of the reasons I very early got involved in this issue, and that was really taking a position from the children of the State of Nevada.

I stand in opposition not only on behalf of the people living in Nevada today but also for the generations of Nevadans who deserve the same quality of life we currently enjoy.] Thank you.

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