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13 MR. DONOHUE: My name is Paul Donohue. I'm also  
14 a Commissioner in Lincoln County, and as Commissioner Frehner  
15 stated, if he's the ying, then I'm the yang.

16 I would just like to support Mr. Frehner and the  
17 Commission. They're great men.

18 However, I just wanted to voice that I have a  
19 different view. I'm very worried in this -- in this particular  
20 area that we do not support the Governor of this great state,  
21 and we have shown that by pursuing things that go against what  
22 the Governor of this great state has asked for.

1 23 My recommendation is that we do not allow nuclear  
24 waste in Nevada. I understand Zoe Light, I understand Yucca  
25 Mountain. I understand the role of water table. I've been to  
1 Virginia; I've been to a nuclear facility. I understand that  
2 this could be shoved down our throat.

3 My recommendation to us as citizens would be that  
4 we work through the Governor of this state, and then when and  
5 if it is shoved down our throat, then we'll work with him on --  
6 on the ideas of mitigation and the flow of how we're going to  
7 take care of our people.

8 We were worried if we get him mad at us now and  
9 it gets shoved down our throat, we're going to have to go  
10 talking to him and that's something that needs to be talked  
11 about.

12 As we talk, the County is split. The County has  
13 a wide variety of views on this particular thing, everything  
14 from well, if they're going to give it to us, then let's get  
15 all we can, too. I'm so paranoid of this stuff that I will  
16 move if it's even thought about bringing into this County.

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3 17 I think that what we need is some neutral  
18 education. Somehow we need -- we need to teach our people what  
19 to expect and what's coming in an unbiased way.

4 20 I think that we also receive funds and we talk  
21 about funds and the financial benefits to the County, but we  
22 get the money and we're told how we can spend it, and I don't  
23 like that. We have many needs in the County. It would be nice  
24 if we had more control over that.

25 I'm worried what would happen to this great  
1 facility that we're in right now if the Governor of this great  
2 state gets mad at us and we have a nuclear dropoff facility  
3 down the railroad track here.

4 If he closes this facility, we'll lose a lot of  
5 jobs. I think it's very important that we -- we support the  
6 County and that's one of the -- the Governor and that's one of  
7 the reasons I feel that's important.

8 The decision is up to the State of Nevada, and it  
9 needs to be brought from the State and to the State.

5 10 Also in regards to Chalk Mountain, I support the  
11 Air Force. That's their property. The reason that we pushed  
12 Chalk Mountain is that because it justifies our reason to have  
13 the waste come through Lincoln County, and I oppose that.

14 We support the Air Force. We -- we -- I visited  
15 with many people on the Air Force and -- base and out in that  
16 facility and they've said oh, the nightmare it would be to  
17 patrol every train or every truck or everything going there,  
18 and they don't want it, and I just wanted to get on record as  
19 supporting them.

20 Thank you for your time.