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Dear Representative Dennis Kucinich

1 We are unalterably opposed to HB 45 and S1287, the Yucca Mountain High Level Waste Bills. We feel that the nuclear waste issue needs more current and open debate about what to do with the dangerous residues.

After attending the DOE public meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, we are convinced that this legislation is the best argument for campaign finance reform that we have ever heard. The House sponsor of HB45, Fred Upton, R-MI, has \$7,000 listed as contributions from electric power utilities in 1997-98. The Senate sponsor of S1287, Frank Murkowski, R-AK has \$115,465. listed as contributions from electric power utilities in 1997-98.

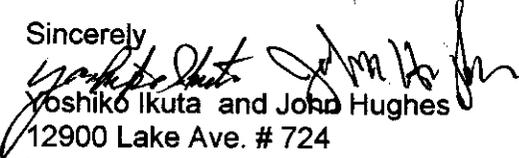
The spokesperson Wendy Dixon, was competent in explaining the process of the DOE mission. But only the Congress can explain why we are pursuing a 1980's agenda of dump it all in Yucca Mountain, an earthquake prone area sacred to the Western Shosone, opposed by 70% of Nevada's citizens and all of its Congressional members.

2 As you have so eloquently stated at that public meeting, the health and safety concern of citizens in Cleveland are at stake. Furthermore [the fact that the section of Ohio with the greatest amount of people will become a funnel for much of the nuclear waste in the Northeast is of particular concern to us. **We ask that the Ohio caucus get together to make sure that the State of Ohio demands alternate routing; and that funds are mandated for emergency training for each community along the route.**]

3 We demand legislation providing for reduction of energy company inventories. If their cooling ponds are full, each rod taken gives them more storage space for new production, at unbelievable continuing expense to the public. This is charity to energy power utilities. We in Northeast Ohio have already given.

We close our objections with the sincere hope that some rational debate comes out of your efforts.

Sincerely



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