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Dear Ms. Dixon:

1 | This letter is in regards to the shipment of nuclear waste by road and rail through St. Louis city and county. It is my understanding that 79 of the 103 operating nuclear-power reactors in the United States are located east of the Mississippi River. The proposed Yucca Mountain, Nevada repository for the reactors' stockpiled, irradiated fuel rods will be located to the west of the river. Hence, St. Louis is in the middle and the most likely truck and train route.

2... | I am very concerned for the safety of the citizens that will unknowingly come into contact with a shipment of the high-level radioactive wastes that will be passing through St. Louis. It is estimated that one shipment will pass through St. Louis, on the average, every other day for 30 years. This poses a significant risk to the lives of the citizens both physically and financially.

The physical risk of the casts rupturing in an accident or a terrorist incident can cause fatalities. Even if the casks are sealed at their best, they will be emitting 10 millirems. Routine exposures can be responsible for a number of latent cancers.

3... | The financial risk of a cast rupturing can cause billions of dollars in property damage. Unfortunately, every insurance policy excludes losses due to nuclear mishap.

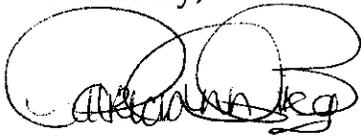
Will the government supply the needed financial resources to cover the physical and financial burden the exposure will create? |

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4 I may not be a physician or physicist but I am a concerned citizen. I  
fear for the safety of the citizens that come in contact with the  
shipments. I fear for the financial burden this will place on our  
...3 already inadequate health care industry. I fear for the financial  
burden this will place on the government when our Mayor will have  
...2 to declare a state of emergency. I have worked with children with  
cancer and I fear more children will have to unnecessarily endure this  
horrible disease. I fear for our future generation.

Please hear my pleas to reevaluate this argument.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Bieg', with large, stylized loops and flourishes.

Patricia Bieg