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Dear Ms. Wendy Dixon,

1 It has come to my attention that the Nuclear Power Industry is once again trying to ship
their waste across the country, despite the potential dangers involved in the transportation, the
site, Yucca Mountain, and disposal. Sponsor of the bill, Fred Upton, claims that Yucca Mountain
is bone dry and located in an uninhabited area. Well, if you tell that to the residents of Amargosa
Valley, I bet they might disagree that its uninhabited. As far as bone dry, its not that either. All
2 these reasons, along with seismic activity, the gasses that will escape over time, and a possible
magma pocket under the earth's crust, should automatically cancel this idea. And why would
anyone consider transporting toxic waste. Are the truck drivers incapable of crashing and
exposing this toxic waste to everyone. Even if its shipped by train, no one can be certain that the
train is incapable of crashing. Thousands of train crashes happen every year, exposing thousands
of people to toxic waste as it is. This situation would be made much worse if it is radioactive
3 toxic waste and transporting across country would expose 50 million Americans living along these
routes. I live in Syracuse, along Route 90, which will be one route used to transport waste. That
makes me and my family at risk. Please keep the health and safty of my family and many others,
at the upmost concern. **VOTE NO TO HR45!!** We need our Representatives to make sure that
the EPA is responsible for setting the standards for Yucca Mountain, or any other nuclear waste
site, NOT the NRC! The EPA also needs to make safety standards for our smallest, and most
vulneracle, human-beings, our children. We need to keep our children at out upmost importance.
They don't deserve to pay with their lives for the mistakes of the Nuclear Power Industry, which
should have never been allowed to produce so much waste without some way of environmentally
safe way of disposing of this waste. Please **VOTE NO TO HR 45!!**

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