

RECEIVED  
FEB 01 2000

20

MS. THERESE BEACH: My name is Therese

21 Beach, and I admit I am not bound by any  
22 political agenda. I'm strictly a private  
23 citizen who took time off of work to listen to  
24 what was going on, because like many thousands  
1 of families in the country, I travel the  
2 highways with my family in the summer and we  
3 always travel west on most of these routes.  
4 I've had the great privilege of driving the back  
5 roads of Nevada and their stark beauty is  
6 something that everybody should see. It's  
7 amazingly beautiful.

1

8 My great concern is not for the  
9 difficult job that these people face, it's for  
10 the safety of my family and anybody's family.  
11 On highways at any given moment in time, the  
12 weather can beautifully bright, and the next  
13 moment you're in fog in the panhandle you can't  
14 believe. You can't see where you're going. You  
15 literally can be on a beautiful highway and all  
16 of a sudden you're thinking, oh, my god, this is  
17 a tornado.

18 This is about human error. People can  
19 be trained until they know in their sleep what  
20 to do. But they can't be trained to understand  
21 what the person next to them is going to do. I  
22 have seen terrible accidents that take your  
23 breath away on your vacation thinking there but  
24 for the grace of God am I, and I don't doubt

1

1, that this needs to be stored somewhere, but my  
2 concern is for the people of Nevada, for my  
3 children who go to school in California, down  
4 river of the groundwater that is getting  
5 contaminated, and for my own family who is  
6 scattered throughout these routes in the  
7 country.

8           I want to know when I'm next to a  
9 truck on the highway, that if that person in  
10 front of me swerves in front of this truck, I am  
11 not going to be killing 400 people by taking  
12 this truck off the highway and having a nuclear  
13 accident.

14           So for me this is a very personal  
15 concern, and I would like to think that it would  
16 be a personal concern for any parent, child, any  
17 family member. I want safety on my highways and  
18 my community. And I don't doubt you have a very  
19 tough job, but please don't do anything to  
20 contaminate my neighborhood, my state, or the  
21 beautiful state of Nevada.

22           Thank you.