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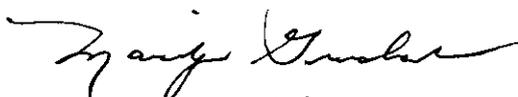
Dear Ms. Dixon:

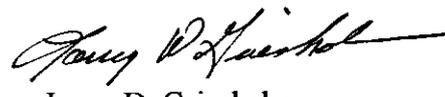
1 We are writing to you to voice our intense opposition to shipment of nuclear waste through the St. Louis metropolitan area and indeed, against any shipments at all. We find the arguments supporting proposed shipping to be fallacious and self-serving. The safety, ecological impact and sociological concerns surrounding the proposal are vast and so-call guarantees are meaningless.

The proposal to use existing rail systems not designed for the transportation of such dangerous material is ill-advised. Other toxic substances create hazzards that are far more localized in nature and metropolitan emergency response teams can contain damage more effectively. Although there is a risk of harm, it is a risk most people are willing to take. The risk of transporting nuclear waste is infinitely larger and is that *people are not willing to accept*. And lest you think that this is not-in-my-backyard letter, we would not feel safe being *anywhere* near where such waste would be shipped and we wouldn't want others exposed to it either.

The proposal to ship nuclear waste through densely populated areas on a non-secured rail system belongs in the trash can!

Sincerely,

  
Marilyn Grieshaber

  
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