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Dear Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

As national environmental, public interest, safe-energy and consumer groups, we are writing to urge your opposition to the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear dump in tomorrow's Committee mark-up of to Senate Joint Resolution 34. This issue is one of our top priorities because the potential harm to human health and the environment from an ill-considered decision is so great.

Transporting 77,000 tons of high-level nuclear waste to a dump site at Yucca Mountain that cannot meet basic safety standards poses unacceptable threats to human health and the environment.

The Committee's recent hearings on the Yucca Mountain proposal made clear that important scientific, ethical, environmental justice, and policy questions about the repository proposal remain unresolved. Moreover, the Department of Energy lacks a credible plan for transporting waste to Nevada and the risks of shipping thousands of tons of highly radioactive waste through 44 states, as currently proposed, cannot be justified.

We therefore urge you in the strongest terms to reject the Department of Energy's premature and technically unfounded Yucca Mountain recommendation by voting "no" to Senate Joint Resolution 34.

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