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Dear [REDACTED]:

This letter concerns locating and expanding a Nuclear Waste Storage Dump in the Town of Tonawanda and very close to my residence.

Some years ago as a boy I learned the expression, "The roads to hell are paved with good intentions". I too am a Federal employee working for the Department of Defense as an Electronic Engineer. I certainly do not have to tell you about the mentality of our society and what "control" means to the people involved in it. There is just too much rationalization done in our society over what is right or wrong. We see it in technical audit every day.

Frankly it is scary to think we would even consider putting nuclear waste in a populated area when the vastness of our country should provide plenty of room to place such a storage facility without encroaching on populated areas. Sure, no one wants it close to them, but logic tells us it ought to go in a place where there is least possible damage or affect.

We have lived here for 33 years and have our roots deeply implanted here with our children and grandchildren. I am reminded of the many industrial accidents in various companies behind me. These were also supposedly under strict control. Many people have been killed or seriously injured due to the human element or the lack of reliability in control devices. We all know about Mean Time to Failure and realize that no matter what is said about how safe something is, the real truth winds up being a series of horror stories due to carelessness or malfunction.

Why then persist in putting nuclear waste in line of site of my home? There are so many reasons against it that I wonder if anyone has really thought this out well, or are we victims of a bureaucratic action that's easiest to do? The people are expendable theory certainly is not what you and I are working for. The words "Fair and Reasonable" are used by government in many places. We just don't believe that putting these nuclear dumps in this heavily populated area is "Fair and Reasonable". What to do?. We sincerely request that you and your staff rethink this proposed move and sensibly conclude to abandon it in favor of placing it in some remote place. Remember that expediency is not the solution when you place people in possible jeopardy.

If you are as busy as I am you may find it difficult to find time to answer this letter. Just remember I took the time to write to you so please reciprocate. We await your answer to this request and trust it will be favorable.

Respectfully yours
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