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Chairman Shimkus:

I am writing to help clarify the record with respect to the implementation of the Yucca Mountain project in Nevada. I am a past president of the American Nuclear Society, Nevada Section and hold a master's degree in health physics. Basically, our members, who comprise the bulk of the active expertise in nuclear science in Nevada, cannot find any reason that Yucca Mountain is wrong for Nevada. It has been our experience that when the proper risk explanation is made to citizens, and compared to the potential benefits, that citizens of Nevada overwhelmingly support the project.

If an education program that explains the basic technical approaches of Yucca Mountain could be mounted, there would be very few who would choose to oppose the project in the face of direct financial benefit, especially direct benefits to citizens similar to the Alaska pipeline project of the early 1970s, and long-term prosperity that Yucca Mountain promises.

We feel that reprocessing should be a primary focus of spent fuel legacy.

Finally, we see none of the objections put forward by the State of Nevada hold enough validity to stop the project for safety, security, or any other reason.

We, therefore, urge this committee to move aggressively to proceed with Yucca Mountain and move to endorse reprocessing as the final approach to solving the nation's spent fuel issue.

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