

June 13, 2019

The Honorable Paul Tonko
Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Shimkus
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Tonko and Ranking Member Shimkus:

The American Gaming Association (AGA) appreciates you holding today's hearing on "Cleaning Up Communities: Ensuring Safe Storage And Disposal Of Spent Nuclear Fuel." As you explore potential solutions to address this important problem, AGA would like to express our vehement opposition to any effort to revive licensing activities for Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository, including H.R.2699, the "Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2019."

The AGA is the premier national trade group representing the \$261 billion U.S. casino industry, which supports 1.8 million jobs nationwide. Our members include commercial and tribal casino operators, gaming suppliers and other entities affiliated with the thriving gaming industry in Nevada and across the country.

By reviving licensing activities for Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository, this legislation has the potential to adversely impact citizens and businesses located in Nevada. That is why I and Chief Executives from 11 gaming companies and Nevada business organizations wrote to the full Congress in April opposing the Administration's budget request for Yucca funding.

Yucca Mountain is located just 90 miles from the world's premier tourist, convention and entertainment destination in Las Vegas, Nevada, which welcomed more than 42 million visitors last year. Las Vegas is once again on pace to meet or break that number with nearly 14 million visitors already accounted for in 2019. The Greater Las Vegas area is one of the fastest growing in the U.S. with a population that now exceeds 2.1 million people according to an estimate from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Safety and security remain a top priority for all Americans and any problems with the transport nuclear waste to the site throughout the country, or issues with its storage there, would bring potentially devastating consequences to the local, state and national communities. Moreover,

with taxes on Nevada's tourism industry providing 42 percent of the state general fund, even a modest decline in visitors' perception about the region could have severe negative implications for the state's economy and future growth.

We strongly urge members to reject this flawed legislation and, instead, explore alternative solutions that respect state sovereignty and do not put Nevada's citizens and economy at risk.

We appreciate your attention to the concerns of citizens, the business community and Members of Congress from Nevada by ensuring radioactive waste is never stored anywhere near the world's leading tourist, convention and entertainment destination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. C. Miller, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William C. Miller, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

Cc: The Honorable Frank Pallone, Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Greg Walden, Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce

Enclosure: Coalition Letter to Congress Regarding Yucca Funding from April 15, 2019



April 16, 2019

Dear Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate:

As leaders in Nevada's entertainment, gaming, and resort industries, we write to express our vehement opposition to the inclusion of funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2020 budget request.

We urge you to continue working together to ensure that Yucca Mountain remains part of Nevada's past and that nuclear waste is never stored anywhere near the world's entertainment capital and Nevada's treasured public lands.

Yucca Mountain is located approximately 90 miles from the world's premier tourist, convention, and entertainment destination in Las Vegas, Nevada. In 2018, we welcomed more than 42 million visitors and we are on pace to meet or break that figure in 2019. The Las Vegas Valley is also home to 2.2 million residents, which includes hundreds of thousands of our employees, making it one of the largest and most economically dynamic cities in the country. The combination of these factors has a profound impact on the amount of revenue generated for Nevada's general fund. The impacts nuclear waste could have on our visitors and our employees would unquestionably have severe negative implications for Nevada's future and economic growth.

We are proud to stand together with Nevadans in every corner of the Silver State in opposition to this relic of the past and any attempt to resurrect a project that would so directly imperil the health, safety, and economic future of our great state. Thank you for your continued attention to this issue and please feel free to contact any of us should we be of any assistance to you on this matter.

Sincerely,



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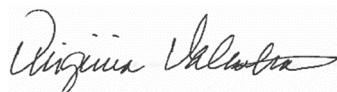
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