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Dear Chairman,

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I am alarmed at the prospect of materials from nuclear power plants or nuclear weapons sites being "recycled" into the consumer marketplace.

Therefore, I ask you to take action that will ensure that:

- (1) radioactive waste and contaminated materials will remain isolated from the public and the environment, and will not be released from regulatory control
- (2) radioactive waste and contaminated materials will not enter the consumer marketplace or any disposal facility except a licensed radioactive waste disposal facility
- (3) radioactive waste and contaminated materials already released will be recaptured,
- and (4) your agency will work diligently toward an international prohibition on radioactive releases.

There is no safe level of exposure to radiation, and no effective way to monitor the exposure that proposed "recycling" would produce. The costs of dealing with radioactive waste materials must be paid by the producers and users of nuclear weapons and nuclear power. It would be absolutely unacceptable to avoid the financial cost by sacrificing the health and safety of our entire population.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours truly,

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