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Dear Gentle Persons,

Something very shocking has just come to my attention, but I expect you already know much more about it. It is this: Radioactive waste from 50 years of atomic weapons and nuclear power production are making their way into general commerce. How could this happen? Rather than isolating the long-lasting radioactive residues from the public and the environmnet, the nuclear industry and our federal and state regulators are allowing them to be sent directly and indirectly into the marketplace.

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PROPOSED BUILE

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission is in the process of legalizing the "release" or "clearance" of radioactive materials from licensed, regulated control into raw materials, building supplies and items with which we come into daily contact. As nuclear power reactors are maintained and decommissioned, contaminated parts, concrete rubble, and soil could be let go. The Department of Energy is currently sending radioactively contaminated metals from nuclear weapons sites to regular scrap yards to mix with clean metal for unrestricted public use!

I am demanding that you :

(1) keep radioactive wastes and materials from nuclear power and weapons isolated from the public and the environment and prohibit any "releases" from regulatory control.
(2) that you prohibit radioactive materials from entering the consumer marketplace or anywhere but licensed radioactive facilities,

(3) that you recapture that which has been released and(4) work for an International Prohibition on radioactive "release".

Sincerely,

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