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Secretary
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Attn: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

Dear Staff Member:

I am appalled that a government agency such as the Department of Energy has already sold radioactive waste materials to scrap dealers to be used in consumer products without warning labels on those products. Untold numbers of consumers could be exposed to radiation through their braces, silverware, metal baby products, etc.

I understand that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is preparing to set standards to legalize the large-scale release of these contaminated materials for recycling. It has also come to my attention that you are currently requesting public input on this subject. Everyone I have contacted on this subject feels very strongly that these materials should be stored and not recycled. Consumers today are exposed to enough radiation in their everyday lives.

We urge you to protect the health interests of Americans, and not the profit-driven interests of the industry.

Sincerely,

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