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Hello,

My husband and I support the efforts of Beyond Nuclear (beyondnuclear.org) and ask that you support their recommendations.

1. Radioactive waste should not be transported around the country.
2. Radioactive waste should be contained in the form of hardened on-site storage.
3. Nuclear power plants should be completely phased out.

We think this should be done as quickly as possible to avoid another Fukushima-type disaster or, as we have read, the possibility of another "nuclear renaissance" in a couple of decades. We also think funding should stop of the 12-story one-of-a-kind vitrification plant being built at Hanford. A Seattle Times article said there is a chance of a nuclear chain reaction because, if I remember correctly, the technology just isn't there yet. I also read that we are already reprocessing Russian nuclear waste, which means we will probably be taking in nuclear waste from around the world, as well as the U.S., when the vitrification plant is done. Really, this is supposed to be an answer to global warming?

Honestly, ignoring the obvious motives such as greed and self-promotion, we can't figure out why this insane technology is being kept on life support with government subsidies. We read that nuclear power supplies only twenty percent of our energy needs (about the same as Germany). It could easily be replaced by other, less destructive, alternative energy sources. In the past year, my husband and I replaced every light bulb in our house with LED bulbs and we know other people who are doing the same. We know people who are putting solar panels on their roofs and we would do the same if it was allowed in our adult community. Small businesses could crop up all over the country, creating jobs by making, selling and installing all sorts of safe alternative energy sources. Those are the kinds of efforts that should be subsidized by government for our children's future.

Thank you for your time.

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