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Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave, SW Washington, DC 20585

Dear Members of the Blue Ribbon Commission,

I would like to encourage the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future to hold one of their next meetings, on the future of radioactive waste, in California. The issues of nuclear disposal and final disposition of high-level radioactive waste are pertinent concerns to the state of California as we're home to four civilian power reactors, including Humboldt Bay and Rancho Seco (decommissioned with waste storage), Diablo Canyon and San Onofre.

Additionally, California faces unique concerns in this discussion due to its seismic nature. Both Diablo Canyon and San Onofre reside in highly active seismic zones. As the Blue Ribbon Commission enters its second year of investigation on alternatives for the storage, processing and disposal of radioactive waste, it is important to consider the specific challenges California faces in regards to this matter.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact my office at (916) 319-2035.

Sincerely,

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