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To Western New York Senators and Assemblymembers:

We, the undersigned, request your support of a Full Cost Accounting Study (FCA) on West Valley cleanup options and respectfully request your co-sponsorship of a state budget joint member item to fund such study. The large West Valley (WV) radioactive and hazardous waste site has environmental and economic impacts on the Western New York region and Great Lakes Basin Area. Early next year, the government will release its WV final cleanup plan for public comment. The waste at WV will be radioactive for over ten thousand years, and it is essential to have an independent study comprehensively evaluate the costs of various cleanup options, including the true costs of monitoring and maintaining buried waste over a long time period. The study will also evaluate site erosion factors and the adequacy of the site-wide erosion control proposal. This economic and geological analysis will not be included in the government's study, and furthermore, it is important to provide an independent analysis at this critical juncture. We believe the FCA study is a useful investment of taxpayer funds to ensure that the public and policymakers have comprehensive information on the economic consequences of WV cleanup options before determining the final cleanup method. Therefore, we are asking the WNY delegation of the NYS legislature to consider our request to obtain funding for a WV Full Cost Accounting Study. It will also provide important cost estimates on the amount of federal cleanup funding needed for the proper cleanup of the site. Thank you for considering our request.

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