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Hon. Bart Gordon, Chairman
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Science and Technology
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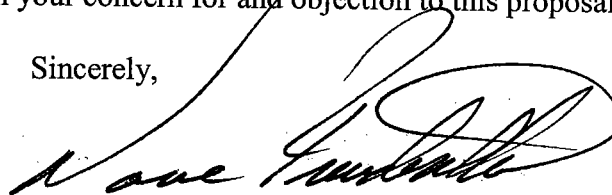
Dear Chairman Gordon:

Thank you for your letter of February 1, alerting me to the fact that a company called *Energy Solutions* is proposing to store large amounts of Low-Level Radioactive Waste from Italy at its site in Utah. You also enclosed a copy of your letter to Mr. Michael Garner, Executive Director of the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management, objecting to this plan, and disputing that "an important national purpose" would be served by this proposal.

I agree with you completely. We have sufficient problems now with finding storage space in this country for this material, and that is a problem that is likely to become more critical in the future as we may be forced to rely more upon nuclear energy in this country. I simply cannot conceive of any reason we should use up space in a finite storage facility – so hard to come by in this country – so that Italy does not have to find its own solution to this problem.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I will send a copy of this to Wyoming's Congressional delegation, informing them of this problem, and will also send a copy of this letter to Mr. Garner so that he will know I join in your concern for and objection to this proposal.

Sincerely,



Dave Freudenthal
Governor

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Mr. Michael Garner