

3           MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN: Good evening, ladies and  
4 gentlemen. This is a wonderful expression of the  
5 Democratic process to see all you folks here today, either  
6 speaking pro or against the Yucca Mountain Repository  
7 project. [ I'm against it.

8           In 1999, when I was first elected, one of the <sup>1</sup>  
9 first official functions that I engaged in was to ask to  
10 have a tour of Yucca Mountain Repository, and we drove  
11 the 90 miles up there. And I saw a mountain which  
12 appeared to be made out of lava rock which was on an  
13 earthquake fault.

14           And I was told that this is where high-level  
15 nuclear waste would be stored just 90 short miles from  
16 the metropolitan area, which has grown even more since  
17 1999. I was in the company of the Department of Energy  
18 employees on a bus. And we were driving back and I  
19 said, without mentioning the name, "Can I tell my  
20 constituents that Yucca Mountain is safe?" And the  
21 Department of Energy representative said, "No, you  
22 can't."

23           Well, that was enough for me. And the only  
24 things that have changed since 1999 is that we've had  
25 9/11, and we've had a terrific growth in our population  
1 in the southern Nevada area. I'm being told today that  
2 the Department of Energy wants to put in twice the  
3 amount of nuclear waste that we were talking about back  
4 in 1999. That's totally unacceptable.

5           And this is not just our problem in Las Vegas,

6 folks. This is what people have to understand. This is  
7 the nation's problem. The transportation of nuclear  
8 waste will be going through 43 different states, 43  
9 different states where there hasn't been any training to  
10 address issues of a disaster caused by the spill of  
11 hazardous material.

12 A country can't exist that way. If the  
13 material is as safe as we're told it is, let it stay  
14 where presently it exists instead of going through the  
15 United States of America.

16 And people who live close by, that's not just  
17 in Las Vegas, where we have some 95,000 residents living  
18 within one mile of the Union Pacific route for shipments  
19 to Yucca Mountain, we have 113,000 residents who live  
20 within one half mile of the highway where the trucks  
21 would be coming through.

22 And nobody here is qualified to address a  
23 disaster, either accidental or, God forbid, even worse,  
24 the act of a terrorist. To permit this to take place  
25 would be a sin. ] Thank you.

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1 GARY REESE: Thank you, sir. It's really a  
2 pleasure for me to follow Oscar in this setting. Oscar has  
3 been my hero. He's been one of those that will stand up  
4 and fight for what he thinks is right. This is here is  
5 right, also. A little bit about me so people know where  
6 I'm from.

7 I'm Gary Reese from Panaca, Nevada. I grew up  
8 in Panaca, Nevada. I graduated from Lincoln County High