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Office of the Governor

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

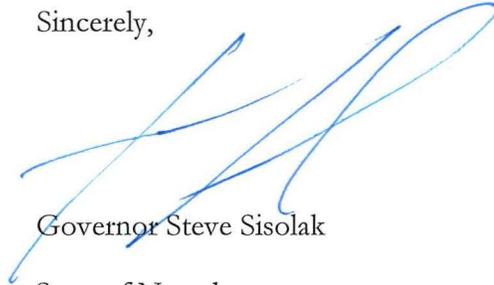
Please accept this letter as a formal request for a meeting with you. On behalf of the residents of Nevada, I would like the opportunity to discuss the recent U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration shipment of weapons-grade plutonium to Nevada without notifying the previous governor, Governor Brian Sandoval, or any member of Nevada's federal delegation before the shipment occurred. The weapons-grade plutonium is now located within the borders of my state.

During our meeting, I would also like to discuss the related matter of the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository site. I learned recently from media reports that a delegation of Congress, accompanied by Energy Secretary Rick Perry, planned to visit the proposed Yucca Mountain site on March 01, 2019, but that the visit was cancelled and is now being rescheduled. As a matter of simple courtesy and protocol, it would have been appropriate for the DOE Secretary to provide my office with notice of this trip. The way the planned visit was handled, with no notice to my office from Secretary Perry or the DOE until after the visit was cancelled, is like the way the shipment of plutonium was managed—in secret, without my office's input, and with disclosure to me only after the fact.

As Republican and Democratic governors and congressional representatives from Nevada have long maintained, Nevada's opposition to Yucca Mountain is founded on sound technical, legal, and environmental grounds. As governor, I am committed to ensuring the safety of Nevada's citizens and the protection of the state's unique environment and economy from the extraordinary risks posed by Yucca Mountain.

On behalf of Nevada's over 3 million residents, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you these matters of critical importance to my state. I am available to travel to Washington, D.C. for a meeting at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Sisolak', written in a cursive style.

Governor Steve Sisolak

State of Nevada