

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Energy & Water  
Development, & Related Agencies  
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael K. Simpson  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Energy & Water  
Development, & Related Agencies  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson,

As you prepare the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2020, we urge you not to include any further funding for the licensing and construction of the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository.

Since Yucca Mountain was misguidedly selected as the sole repository for the nation's nuclear waste back in 1987, billions of dollars have been wasted with little to show except for an incomplete tunnel in the side of a mountain. The most recent DOE reports estimate that up to an additional \$82 billion dollars will be needed to complete the project, not accounting for transportation of this highly-radioactive nuclear waste through 330 Congressional Districts, including your own.

For more than 30 years, the State of Nevada, under both Republican and Democratic governors, has opposed this project. This process has been broken for decades. Until and unless a consent-based process for the siting of nuclear waste repositories is instituted, appropriating any funds from the Nuclear Waste Policy Fund for these purposes would be a waste of resources.

To that effect, we respectfully request the following language be included in the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2020:

*None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for the adjudicatory functions, technical review, or support activities associated with the Yucca Mountain geologic repository license application.*

Thank you for your attention to this request.

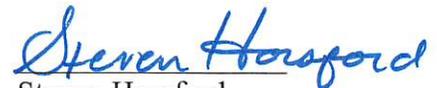
Sincerely,



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