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Mr. Maestas:

I, as an elected representative of the citizens of Carlsbad, would like to voice my full support for the allowance of this project. This new shaft is just another in a litany of safety measures WIPP has, is and will continue to put in place for the optimal safety and efficiency of staff and operations at the site.

Fresh air is critical to our workforce, they are the true value in the WIPP site and its operations, without them it does not work, and with without WIPP America, reverts to 1998, with waste stored above ground, near populated cities, waterways, etc., with no plan in place for disposal of TRU waste.

The work needing to be done to continue the safe and efficient emplacement of waste in the facility demands fresh air introduction and circulation which cannot be accomplished by the current single shaft, especially with the filtration system in place. Having the new air shaft will put in place a redundant course of movement from surface to mine of life sustaining fresh air, is not only prudent but critical for our local operations and most especially operators.

Please consider the importance of your decision to not only WIPP and Carlsbad, but to the Nation as a whole in our efforts to safely dispose of TRU for all Americans.

Thank you,
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