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The Honorable Bill Richardson  
U.S. Representative  
325 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Richardson:

Thank you very much <sup>for</sup> your successful efforts <sup>in committee</sup> to amend ~~the~~ the Price-Anderson Act to assure that the federal government explicitly assumed its responsibility to provide full, equitable and efficient compensation to the citizens of New Mexico for all damages and injuries arising out of a nuclear incident related to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP). These amendments also added the important provision that states and local governments are reimbursed for the costs incurred when they order precautionary evacuations in the event of a nuclear accident.

Your work guaranteeing that the federal government provide assistance to states which have the misfortune to experience the release of radioactive waste, whether from its storage, transportation, disposal, or its use in research and development is vital and very much appreciated.

I look forward to working with you in your continued legislative actions to protect the health and safety of the citizens and environment of the State of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

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Director

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*Carol - I need back sheet from Susan & Bob Neill  
are we sure all were adopted by the committee?  
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