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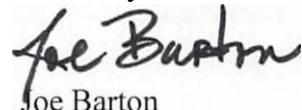
Dear Dr. Cohon:

I am writing to thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Power on February 10, 1999, to present testimony concerning H.R. 45, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1999, and on the current status of federal actions to dispose of spent fuel and high-level waste.

As you know, the Subcommittee on Energy and Power has been working to solve this problem for many years. Your testimony helped the Subcommittee understand the issues surrounding the disposal of nuclear waste and the impact of the proposed legislation. I appreciate the effort you took to prepare and present your testimony, and I look forward to working with you as the Subcommittee continues its efforts on this issue.

Once again, thank you for participating in this important hearing.

Sincerely,



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