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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I'm writing to demand the NRC do it's job in protecting the public. Do not allow radioactive materials into the recycling markets to be used in making consumer goods, roads, building, or other items that people come in contact with.

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The cumulative effects of radiation exposure are very dangerous. Low level exposures of minute radioactive particles have caused cell damage, genetic mutations and suppressed immune functions. "There is no safe level of exposure to ionising radiation , and the search for a safe level is in vain" Rosalie Bertell, PhD. "There is no safe level of exposure and there is no dose of radiation so low that the risk of malignancy is zero" Dr. Karl Morgan, the "father of Health Physics"

Releasing radioactive waste into the environment is the nuclear industry's attempt to save money at the cost of human health, as well as the health of the biosphere. The true cost of responsible radioactive waste disposal must be realized and dealt with ethically. Our children and grandchildren deserve protection from the threat of exposure to these harmful byproducts of the nuclear age. That's your job!

Restrictions need to be stronger on radioactive waste and releases, not weakened.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
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