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To all concerned:

The attached document expresses the support of the South Dakota Chapter of the Sierra Club for the demand for a public hearing concerning Cameco, Inc.'s application for a license renewal for its Crowe Butte Mine.

Sincerely yours,
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The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Licensing Board has decided they will NOT hold public comment hearings regarding the license renewal application by the world's largest uranium producer, Canadian-based Cameco, Inc. for its Crow Butte In Situ Leach uranium mine near Crawford, Nebraska.

The South Dakota Chapter of the Sierra Club supports the Lakota people, Owe Aku, the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Western Nebraska Resource Council in their demand for a public hearing on the renewal of Cameco Inc.'s license renewal application.

In the decades that the Crow Butte Mine has operated, there have been numerous and repeated excursions of radioactive material into the mined aquifer. It seriously strains credulity to believe Cameco's assertions that they have halted migration of pollutants beyond the mining area. Furthermore, it is impossible to know the long-term impact of Cameco's "out of sight, out of mind" practice of dumping radioactive waste into a deep aquifer disposal well.

For an agency of the United States government to silence the public in a matter of this import is unconscionable. How can it be that a foreign corporation is allowed to extract resources from our country and endanger the precious water of the Ogallala Aquifer, and yet the people who depend on this resource and their descendants who will need pure water for centuries to come are not allowed to speak?

This is a grave injustice that must be reversed. Let the people speak!