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Dear Secretary Flynn and Mrs. Roberts:

As a citizen of NM, I greatly appreciate your diligence in trying to ensure the legacy waste at LANL is cleaned up properly in effort to maintain quality of life for New Mexicans.

I was born and raised in the beautiful Espanola Valley; unfortunately, the beautiful valley is plagued with poverty and drugs. I work in Los Alamos County, but I commute from the valley.

A part of me would love to live in Los Alamos because of the excellent educational system and the wonderful services provided to the residents. At the same time I wonder if I will subject myself and my son to the environmental risks of living in LA. If he is playing in the canyons will he be potentially exposed to something toxic? What if he stumbles across a contaminated PCB pond? If I grow a fruit or vegetable garden will they be safe to eat?

As you can see I am stuck between a rock and a hard place. Should I live in a community plagued with drugs and poverty or a community wealthy in education and community service, yet contaminated with PCB's, RDX, perchlorate and chromium?

My concern comes from a very basic place. I want access to clean water, parks, canyons, rivers, trails. I want to let my son play in the dirt, hike in the cayons, catch fish and eat them. I want to know that I am not subjecting him to toxins and pollutants in exchange for quality education and a decent place to live.

Bottom line, I support the efforts you are trying to make with the draft consent order and to clean up Los Alamos.

Sincerely,

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