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Mrs. Patricia Egan and Family
1750 Fourth Street South
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Dear Mrs. Egan:

On behalf of the Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects and the citizens of Nevada, I want to extend my sincerest condolences to you, your family and Joe's friends and to tell you how much Joe has meant to the State of Nevada these past seven years. I think I can say truthfully and without exaggeration that, without Joe, Nevada would not have been able to prevail as it has in the fight to protect the State and its people from the disastrous Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump project.

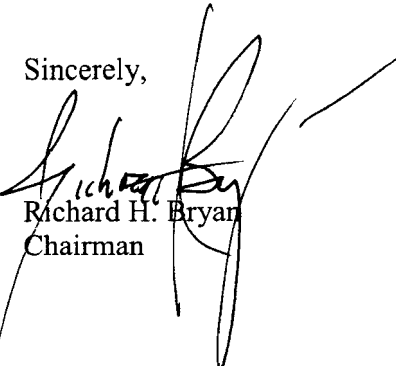
Joe was the architect of the successful legal strategy that stopped the federal government in its tracks in 2004. Joe's work on behalf of Nevada has contributed immeasurably to the health and safety of present and future generations of Nevadans, something for which he will always be remembered.

But the influence of Joe's life and work extends far beyond what he accomplished for us here in Nevada. By helping us to successfully forestall the ill-conceived nuclear waste repository project, Joe helped prevent the federal government from making a mistake of monumental proportions – a mistake that could contaminate large portions of groundwater in Nevada and California, wreak environmental and public health havoc for millennia, and subject communities throughout the nation to unacceptable risks posed by tens of thousands of unnecessary shipments of deadly spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Everyone who met or worked with Joe Egan knew that he was a very special human being who was motivated to make a difference. The influence of Joe's life extends well beyond what he was able to accomplish during his relatively brief association with Nevada. His work on nuclear non-proliferation, low-level radioactive waste disposal and scores of other causes has truly left the world a better place.

We in Nevada have been especially privileged to have had the benefit of Joe's intellect, boundless energy, superb legal and scientific skills, and the selfless dedication to the causes to which he dedicated his life. Joe was more than Nevada's lawyer. He was our colleague, our neighbor, our mentor, and our very good and close friend. He will be sorely missed, but his legacy here in the State he came to care so deeply about will live on.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Bryan
Chairman