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Dear Chris Smith:

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My wife Pamela and I (John Bigan) are lifetime Washington state residents and our family for many generations have been involved in defense of our country.

Great-grandpa was civil war cavalry officer and played at Lincoln's funeral. My uncle died in France during WWI, my father a research chemist worked on food products for WWII soldiers, my brother was an officer in Vietnam during the Tet offensive, my brother Bill is and electric engineer involved in top secret radar research.

Mission accomplished for Hanford, the war was won and mutual assured destruction theory brought peace! It was the most expensive gov. project of its day and the long lived poison it created will be very expensive to clean up.

It is the governments responsibility to protect its citizens, this huge river, Richlands' water supply, our new national monument so this

Hanford cleanup:

part of Washington State can be given back to its residents, workers, children, and anyone who might come to this area in the next 75,000 years.

The process must move foward as fast as scientificly possible. The money must be spent to do this. No one should be exposed to contaminants in the future. Clean should be as clean as humanly possible. No poison in the Columbia river or groundwater, no radiation leakage, no facilities that expose future workers to poison during needed routine maintenance. No short cuts for the remedy like past practice of open gas trenches or temporary storage used way past its intended use.

Stand strong and don't let money cloud your actions which might result in sickness and death for unborn generations!

Sincerely

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