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A JOINT MEMORIAL

URGING CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TESTING  
RADIOACTIVITY LEVELS IN CERTAIN NEW MEXICO HOMES.

WHEREAS, major uranium mining sites were active in New  
Mexico's Indian country at Shiprock and Ambrosia Lake; and

WHEREAS, these sites are covered by the federal Uranium  
Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, which  
established plans for remediation and site clean-up; and

WHEREAS, small "mom and pop" uranium-related businesses  
sprang up during the heyday of mining; and

WHEREAS, some of these small "mom and pop" ventures were  
not included in remediation and site clean-up; and

WHEREAS, notification to individuals of the remediation  
and site clean-up was minimal; and

WHEREAS, individuals may have used uranium tailings in  
home construction and for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, dangers to health posed by uranium tailings are  
significant; and

WHEREAS, homes and "mom and pop" businesses near the  
Shiprock and Ambrosia Lake sites may be contaminated; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no program in place for  
testing or monitoring of individual homes and small business  
sites in these areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the members of New Mexico's  
2 congressional delegation be encouraged to introduce and  
3 support legislation providing for testing and monitoring of  
4 individual homes and small business sites in a thirty-mile  
5 radius of the Shiprock and Ambrosia Lake uranium mines; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal legislation give  
7 meaningful notification to residents of the area of  
8 eligibility for testing and remediation; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the members of New Mexico's congressional  
11 delegation, to the United States nuclear regulatory  
12 commission and to the Navajo tribal utility authority. \_\_\_\_\_

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