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Dr. Ernest Moniz, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Moniz,

Media outlets in Southern Nevada have been reporting that the Department of Energy is considering moving 25,000- 85,000 shipments of dangerous nuclear materials through our region on the area's main highways. Understandably, this has raised significant concerns from a number of my constituents who deserve information and the peace of mind that nuclear material will not be travelling next to them on the highway during their daily commute.

For months I have been asking your department to provide a briefing, in either a classified or unclassified setting, to detail the transportation plan for the proposed movement of Consolidated Edison Uranium Solidification Project materials from Oak Ridge Laboratories in Tennessee to the Nevada National Security Site located 65 miles from Las Vegas. Your department has yet to schedule or conduct this briefing, and has provided no explanation for the delay or any rationale for denying a Member of Congress the ability to effectively conduct oversight activities.

Today I ask for you to immediately schedule this briefing so that I may better understand the transportation plans related to these shipments and determine if they follow previous statements regarding critical transportation routes that will be avoided.

If you are unwilling to provide this briefing or information, I respectfully request that you provide the legal basis for continuing to withhold this information from Congress.

Sincerely,

Dina Titus
Member of Congress