SUPPORT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO CLEAN UP 10,000 TOXIC ABANDONED URANIUM MINES!

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Dear Member of Congress,

We, the undersigned, urge you to prioritize passage of the Uranium Exploration and Mining Accountability Act, which will ensure clean up of thousands of hazardous abandoned uranium mines throughout the United States.
According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), more than 10,000 abandoned uranium mines (AUMs) and exploratory sites are located throughout the United States, posing substantial public health and environmental hazards. The true number, location, existing hazard, and off-site migration potential for toxic and radioactive materials from these sites is largely unknown.

No existing federal laws require clean up of these hazardous sites. Most of these AUMs were established under the "General Mining Law of 1872," that does not require reclamation or remediation. Mining companies walked away from their clean up responsibilities after decades of mining, leaving the public to bear their toxic legacy.
According to EPA data, approximately 10 million people are estimated to live within 50 miles of a recorded mine. AUMs have been linked to cancer, genetic defects, and increases in mortality. There is no minimum threshold for radiation damage (no dose which is harmless), and radiation causes cancer and other organ damage, especially during fetal development and in young children.
AUMs are located within or in dangerously close proximity to our National Parks such as the Grand Canyon and Mount Rushmore, where millions of visitors from throughout the world may be exposed to this toxic threat. Our precious water ways such as the Colorado River, which provides water essential for more than 27 million Americans has already faced contamination. It's time to clean up the mines!
The Uranium Exploration and Mining Accountability Act also ensures no new mining until clean up occurs. This measure of responsibility is necessary to safeguard our communities from further negligence.
By prioritizing passage of the Uranium Exploration and Mining Accountability Act, you can help ensure long overdue clean up of the thousands of abandoned uranium mines throughout the United States that threaten public health, air, land, and water.

Sincerely,

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