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Wellington Board of Trustees 3735 Cleveland Avenue Wellington, CO 80549

Dear Trustees,

Over the past several months you have undoubtedly heard from a number of Wellington residents who are very worried about a proposal by Powertech Inc. to mine for uranium near Nunn. I am also concerned about the potential impacts this mine could have on our environment and have publicly opposed this project.

I understand that the Wellington Trustees will soon consider a resolution regarding this mine. As the impacts of this proposal would likely extend far beyond the borders of Weld County, I urge you to carefully evaluate the environmental and public health costs associated with this project.

Like many of my constituents, I am particularly concerned about the impact this mining could have on our ground water resources in Northern Colorado. Powertech has said it intends to utilize a process known as in-situ leaching to extract uranium from the mineral deposits. This process has the potential to contaminate the underground aquifers our families, communities, and agricultural producers rely upon for clean, safe water.

Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West are blessed with an abundance of natural resources. As stewards of these resources, we are required to ensure that resource development is done in a responsible way that ensures the health and safety of the public.

On behalf of my constituents in Colorado's Forth Congressional District, I again reiterate my strong opposition to this mine and encourage you to carefully examine the impact this project could have on the people of Wellington. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely

Marilyn Musgrave

Member of Congress