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Bernie Hunhoff, Representative
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Dear Mr. Hunhoff:

Did you know there are more than 230 abandoned open pit uranium mines in South Dakota? Did you know that one of those is a square mile and another is 140,000 times more radioactive than normal background radiation for this Region? Did you know that there are more than 4,100 uranium exploratory wells in southwestern South Dakota alone? Did you know that 4,000 of those wells are uncapped, unfilled, and unmarked, and have cross-contaminated the aquifers? Did you ever wonder why South Dakota residents have such a high rate of cancer? Does the radioactivity carried in the dust from the abandoned uranium mines contaminate the grass and crops, and what does this mean for agriculture? Do you know that most rivers in western South Dakota are contaminated with radioactivity?

These and many other questions regarding radioactive contamination in South Dakota need to be answered before any more new uranium exploratory wells are drilled, or uranium mining is allowed to begin.

Please, Mr. Hunhoff, will you advocate in the upcoming South Dakota legislature for a moratorium to stop any more uranium exploration or mining until all the abandoned mines are cleaned up, and the old exploratory wells are filled? We need a moratorium to insure a safe environment for all the people in South Dakota. We need a moratorium to insure that all the agricultural products and all the water that leaves South Dakota is free of radioactivity. We need a moratorium to insure a future for our grandchildren, a future free from radioactive pollution.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
