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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

*via electronic mail to The.Secretary@hq.doe.gov*

Dear Secretary Granholm,

Ike White doesn't care about the environmental justice communities living near America's nuclear waste sites.

If nominated and confirmed as Assistant Secretary for the Department of Energy's Environmental Management, William "Ike" White would have the responsibility of cleaning up 107 sites across the country where environmental justice communities are already being harmed by nuclear waste and inadequate cleanups that have been done, or left undone.

We know that with the right person in Environmental Management it would make all the difference for the hundreds of thousands of Americans who are at increased risks of cancer and other life-threatening health effects due to the radioactive contamination near their homes.

If confirmed, White would stymie any hope Environmental Justice communities have for meaningful cleanups during President Biden's time in office. Environmental Justice communities are staunchly opposed to Ike White and instead want a strong cleanup advocate who has experience working closely with EJ groups and impacted communities.

We need someone with a real commitment to cleaning up the Department of Energy's radioactive and toxic legacy.

In Solidarity,

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