

**TESTIMONY OF RALPH D. GLENN**

**ON**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S PROPOSED RULE  
"GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICIAN PANEL  
DETERMINATIONS OF WORKER REQUESTS FOR  
ASSISTANCE IN  
FILING FOR STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
BENEFITS"**

**RADISSON HOTEL CINCINNATI AIRPORT**

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## RALPH D. GLENN

My name is Ralph D. Glenn

I work at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant as an electrician. I started in 1975. There are several topics I would like to speak on but time does not allow. Like many of my coworkers I did my part to support our country's effort during the cold war. We produced highly enriched uranium for the military effort as well as use in power plants to furnish our country with electricity. But also I was like many of my coworkers. I developed cancer. For me it was in 1990, I started to have kidney trouble after some tests. I was told I had a growth on my right kidney and that it had to come out. My wife and I drove from the hospital in Columbus, Ohio back to southern Ohio and discussed what I wanted her to do about the family, the bills and life in general if it turned out bad.

I went back to the James Cancer Center in Columbus and by the grace of god they removed the tumor and most of my right kidney, which was cancerous and I am a survivor. Many of my coworkers were not as fortunate as I am. Many have died and many are fighting to survive every day.

They should be covered by state and federal workers' compensation. These rules tell me the Department of Energy is not doing or going to do what they are supposed to do by law. That is to assist these sick workers with what they rightfully deserve.

We are not just going to roll over and take these rules. We are urging you to change them tonight and we will continue our fight to get cold war veterans the assistance they deserve and need.

God bless America

Thank you very much.