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Dear House Committee on Climate Energy, and Environment  
Oregon Legislature

My name is Xochitl Hernandez-Hill. I believe that it is quite clear that our nation is in an energy crisis due to the difficulty with assessing the proper direction to take in further development of available resources for its production. This crisis requires timely action for solutions which are based on sound experience and research and, on the part of experts in the field of environmental preservation/protection, as well as on the part of those in the fields of energy production.

Solutions to this crisis should, in actuality, not cause more problems than they are intended to resolve. I believe a Just Transition away from our nation's dependence on petroleum products and nuclear power production, to: one that is more reliant on renewables, (including; RNG; solar, wave; and; wind) is the responsible course for Oregon.

I am writing to voice my support of opposition to HB 2215, as: its adoption only paves the way for an expensive, very waste producing industry which simultaneously: A) does NOT respond adequately to the current needs for timely production of energy, and; B) all the while, produces the other challenges associated with producing waste that does not degrade adequately/safely.

Please stand in opposition to HB 2215 (as well as SB 676, SB SB 83, and; SB 882). Oregon can do better than pick a source of energy riddled with problems ( including how to adequately treat its waste products), as would be the case for expansion of our state's infrastructure devoted to nuclear power generation.

Thank you for your work on this important topic and for your consideration of my opinion.

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