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WRITTEN COMMENTS TO OPPOSE HB2038 REGARDING SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR REACTORS IN OR.

I am Dr. Joyce Follingstad, psychologist, nurse and cancer survivor. I am writing in opposition to HB 2038, that promotes moving forward with Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMNR). I joined the people of Oregon in 1980 who spoke out with their vote against any future nuclear power plants in Oregon, unless the people of Oregon vote for a nuclear power plant and unless a high level nuclear waste repository has been built and is federally licensed and operating, which, to date, has not occurred.

I strongly oppose HB 2038, as it is dishonest to spend taxpayer money to only look at the advantages of nuclear energy and not at its disadvantages. I do not want our money spent studying an overly expensive and outdated technology that only adds to the toxic waste that we have stored around the country, to the detriment of our health and our economy, as the waste will have to be stored for hundreds of thousands of years.