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I strongly oppose any use of nuclear power energy in the PNW. I want to see a focus on renewable energy, not nuclear.

I grew up in Eastern Washington, not far from Hanford. I know the dangers of nuclear energy, and the problems with leaking storage, the proximity to the Columbia River, the massive clean-up efforts. I also know that there have been a myriad to health issues for people in the area, often related to downwind radiation. The town where I grew up (Othello and later, Richland) had a high rate of lupus--including my mother.

We've seen some nuclear disasters in past decades--Ukraine, 3-Mile Island, and Fukushima after the earthquake. I do not want to see that here!!

I care deeply about the health of both people and the Columbia River. Pursuing nuclear energy plants rather than renewable, more sustainable energy is misguided at best, and potentially disastrous.

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