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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2410

To: House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Subject: Oppose HB 2410

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment,

As a physician living in Portland the last 50 years, I strongly support the protections of the 1980 Ballot Measure. So I urge you to oppose HB 2410, which would bring dangerous Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMNRs) to Umatilla County. These nuclear fuels bring serious risks to workers & the public at every stage, generating waste that remains hazardous for thousands to MILLIONS of years. The radioactive materials pose acute and cumulative health risks for birth defects, cancer, thyroid disease, & death. Can we forget the catastrophic accidents, like Fukushima and Chernobyl?!

These permanent SMNR nuclear waste repositories contaminate drinking water sources, agricultural lands, harming residents near & far.

Then there are the long-term financial burdens for the treatment and disposal of radioactive materials. Who will pay!? Taxpayers will end up footing the bill.

Ukraine has shown us that nuclear facilities are ready targets for sabotage or terrorism. And there's a cost to avoiding the theft of these nuclear materials.

Please don't risk the health and safety of Umatilla County residents and all Oregonians for the benefit of Amazon data centers and AI.

I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2410.