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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2038

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

I have lived in Oregon as a physician for > 50 years. I walked around Hanford. A disaster! My husband had thyroid cancer as a result of such radiation.

I urge you to oppose HB 2038. We mustn't give the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) power to study the advantages of nuclear power while FAILING to direct it to study the DISADVANTAGES of nuclear power. UNACCEPTABLE bias IS reflected in the bill language. I don't want ODOE to squander precious time and resources to promote or defend nuclear power: we already enough evidence on the health and safety risks of the nuclear energy industry. We also know the outrageous financial burdens it placed on Oregonians in the past.

I worked for the 1980 Ballot Measure law which the voters passed--and oppose these efforts to undercut the protections it provides us.

We must remember Fukushima & Chernobyl--always a potential

And who will pay for these disasters? Building SMNRs will require state money--I want that money for schools, not nuclear energy that has already been found dangerous, AND rejected by our voters. This bill tries to get around that law & the voters' will.

The extraordinary costs and risks associated with nuclear energy in Oregon, in the Pacific Northwest, at Hanford, at Three-Mile Island, in Chernobyl, in Fukushima, and most recently in the Ukraine have been well documented. If there is money available to ODOE for a study, I recommend that it be invested in the development of safe renewable infrastructure that can't melt down, and which won't leave a deadly radioactive mess behind for millions of years. I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2038.