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My name is Josh Hudnall, born 1976 and raised in Goble, Oregon, 7 miles from the Trojan plant. I have worked as Papermachine Engineer at Georgia Pacific Wauna mill for the past 26 years. My father worked seasonal maintenance on the Trojan Nuclear Power plant when it was still operational, and our Columbia County community and my family was funded heavily by that operation back in the day.

I support Oregon bill HB2410. Oregon needs to help lead the way to a clean energy future. Part of that clean energy future is a stable mix of diversified energy sources including nuclear. Wind and Solar have their place, but stable backup alternatives to natural gas are required. Oregon needs competitively priced clean energy to remain viable in this global economy and keep good living wage jobs like mine and my peers in our economy. Georgia Pacific is all too quick to shift manufacturing away from this state and into other lower cost operations across the country if it makes business sense.

Beyond jobs, SMRs stabilize energy prices helping our living costs while cutting reliance on obsolete fossil fuels. HB2410's call for leaders to 'build on strengths' is a practical nudge to lawmakers: Please ditch the lockstep 'no' votes and see this as Oregon's shot at resilience and progress in a global economy.

Thank you for your time.

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