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On Behalf Of: my family
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2410

About 80 years ago, my father came to Oregon during WW II to work in the shipyards. 76 years ago I was born and grew in Portland. My family and I have always raved about the beauty and environmental purity of the Columbia Gorge, the water and the trees, the plains and the hills of Eastern Oregon, when we went on our beloved Sunday drives. I love our state and want to pass on this passion to my great grandchildren and their descendants.

45 years ago we Oregonians voted to push pause on any new construction of a nuclear reactor because of the numerous dangers posed by the waste created. NOTHING has changed about creating a safe repository in 45 years. I am gravely concerned about the threats to the people of Umatilla, should they be asked to vote for a waiver to this law. Would the water table be protected? Would the workers suffer accidental leak exposure? I have seen what happened at the San Onofre, CA, nuclear power plant where workers were exposed to radiation and storage tanks are exposed and leaking. Are we at risk of having another superfund cleanup site and will there still be federal dollars to cleanup? Remember we are responsible for the 1/2 life of the by-products of this energy productions for the next 2,500 years+. This would be a terrible burden for the citizens of Umatilla. Who is volunteering to pay for this with the expected time delays and cost overruns? Will it be the state of Oregon, the people of Umatilla, or some corporate energy company that could easily go out of business in our lifetimes? There are too many unanswered questions.

Do not make the citizens of Umatilla bear this burden. Please vote no on HB 2410.