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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2038

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the Committee,

Please oppose HB 2038.

This bill directs a study of advantages but not disadvantages of nuclear despite known and long-term dangers. It also gives no direction to compare the cost to combined solutions being deployed at scale today such as.

- solar and wind plus storage, which complement each other to enhance power stability

or

-geothermal which is firm power that is coming down in cost dramatically and has shorter times to build than nuclear.

HB 2038 stacks the deck unfairly in favor of SMR technology, which today “are still too expensive, too slow to build, and too risky to play a significant role in transitioning from fossil fuels” and will take resources away from lower cost technologies available today. (Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, May 29, 2024\*)

Please do not waste tight DOE budget funds on this study.

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