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Nuclear energy is clean and efficient energy. Nuclear energy is good for wildlife habitat and high paying jobs. Nuclear energy is carbon-free and helps slow down Extreme Climate. Oregon needs nuclear energy.

Wind power kills eagles and hawks, according to the National Audubon Society. Most solar panels are made in China with Uyghur slave labor. Ocean wave harnessing kills wildlife on the ocean floor during the siting explosions. Transporting oil continues to result in Exxon Valdez and Deepwater Horizon-type spills. All of these energy sources require mining, which destroys the environment.

Nuclear energy is very dense. We are very careful with nuclear energy. The reason nuclear energy is currently so expensive is because certain groups keep putting up barriers and legal challenges.

We keep using more and more electricity in the U.S. Wind power and solar power and other "renewables" can't achieve fast enough what nuclear power plants can.

We didn't used to have Extreme Climate wildfires in Oregon. Now many summers Bend and Idaho are smokey for a month or two, and sometimes we have ash falling from the sky! The air pollution shortens our lives and stinks. That air pollution is much worse for our health than nuclear power plants.

Some people point to the deaths from Fukushima. However, only 1 death was from radiation. Most people died from the earthquake and the unwarranted fear of radiation. The fear made them leave safe hospital beds. If you suddenly take Grandma from her hospital bed, of course she's more likely to die.

We need nuclear power plants as soon as possible so that Oregon will have cleaner air, high paying jobs, and lead the way to slowing Extreme Climate.

Thank you.