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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB215

I urge the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment to advance this bill.

Oregon's climate targets and industrial competitiveness depend upon dependable carbon free power. I urge you to remove Oregon's de-facto ban on nuclear power.

While there is concerted opposition to this bill by activist groups, public opinion polls of the entire electorate show broad bipartisan support for nuclear power, which is a safe, baseload source of cheap carbon free electricity. Anti-nuclear groups may be well-organized, but they're radicals out of step with mainstream public opinion, and only appear powerful in public comment.

Let's not let special interests block Oregon from re-legalizing an energy source that would boost the state's economy and rapidly decarbonize the electric grid. Nuclear is win-win for everybody except fringe ideologues.

Please don't let this bill die in committee like so many of its predecessors.