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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB635

Dear Chairwoman Janeen Sollman, Sr. David Brock Smith, Sr. Jeff Goldem,
Sr.Khanh Pham, Sr. Noah Robinson:

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to submit testimony.

I strongly oppose SB 635, allowing Oregon State University (OSU) to conduct the feasibility study on nuclear energy generation in this state. OSU has a conflict of interests, because it was involved in the development of Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMNR) and it holds equity shares in NuScale an Oregon based company that wants a site certificate for a nuclear-fueled thermal power plant in Oregon for SMNRs. The Oregon Legislature needs to demand accountability from state institutions and to protect citizens and our environment from conflicts of interest with deleterious effects.

A feasibility study should include the Disadvantages, Medical implications, Impact on electric rates, State deficit concerns/wast of money (reality that nuclear power plants construction are repeatedly NOT on time NOR within budget), How costs and benefits compare with energy efficiency/conservation, community solar, rooftop solar with batteries, etc. and assure money is better spent on programs that directly benefit consumers.

Thank you.