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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB216

Please vote against this bill. In 1980 Oregonians passed a Ballot Measure into Law that required a federally licensed permanent disposal facility for nuclear waste and voter approval of any nuclear power plant certification. We meant it then and we still mean it. Nuclear waste is dangerous and long-lasting. That has not changed since 1980. We should not be allowing dangerous forms of energy to harm us and many generations to come. Until scientists come up with a safe and secure way to dispose of nuclear waste, we should NOT allow the building and operation of nuclear power plants. Also, since 1980, the world has become a more dangerous place with terrorists eager to set off dirty bombs. Oregon should provide the opportunity for terrorists to gain access to nuclear materials. Please protect the safety of all Oregonians and vote NO on this bill.

This bill is even worse than SB215 because it doesn't even have the decency to refer this issue to the people of Oregon for a vote. I suspect the reason for that is that you know that Oregonians really, really, really do not want nuclear power facilities of any size or shape. We know that nuclear energy is NOT safe. So please, vote NO to protect the safety of all of us.