

March 4, 2025

**To:** Chair Sollmon  
Vice-Chair Brock  
Senator Golden  
Senator Pham  
Senator Robinson

**Subject: No on SB 215**

As we understand it, SB 215 threatens Oregon's 45-year old ballot measure law that prevents development of nuclear power unless there is a federal repository for nuclear waste AND state-wide voter approval. And yet, 45 years later the nuclear fusion process still produces radio-active waste. Forty-five years later, this waste is still hazardous, risking public and worker health at every stage of the process. Forty-five years later sites will be still be nuclear waste repositories, contaminating drinking water sources, agricultural lands, and harming the health of nearby residents and "downwinders." Forty-five years later nuclear energy is still inherently risky due to the potential for catastrophic accidents from human error, malfunctions, or natural disasters like earthquakes and extreme weather. Forty-five years later nuclear energy facilities are even more dangerous invitations for terrorism. Forty-five years later nuclear energy facilities still cost taxpayers a fortune to construct, maintain and de-commission. Forty-five years later, the SMNRs used in this generation produce waste with half-lives of thousands of years.

Please keep our legacy of healthy people and environment over corporate profits.  
Please keep Oregon nuclear-free! Please vote no on SB 215.

Respectfully,

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