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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB635

Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Brock Smith and members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment: My name is Laurie Dougherty. I live in Salem. I oppose SB215. Oregon's moratorium on nuclear power has protected our state from nuclear power until there is a safe, viable process for disposing radioactive waste. That disposal process does not exist. We would be stuck with radioactive waste, putting Oregon communities at risk. Until such a process is in place, the moratorium must be maintained. Oregon has abundant capacity to produce and store clean renewable energy from solar, wind, hydropower, wave energy, and geothermal. Nuclear power development would siphon off resources from development of such clean renewables. A study at this time would be a waste of the time, money and human resources needed to conduct the study. I urge you to oppose SB635. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.