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Greetings,

I understand hearings are being held on bills to allow Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in Oregon. This is a terrible idea. Oregon has been nuclear-free for most of my adult life (I am 70) and it should stay that way.
What's to be gained by siting small nukes in multiple locations? Profit for the manufacturers and power for AI and Crypto enterprises? AI is a good thing I suppose in high tech research applications, but I think we're already seeing the corrosive effect it has on social communications and the creative process. And Crypto is so bad … basically a slow-moving pyramid scheme that enables the rich, clever and unscrupulous to suck money away from the naive public. Surely we should conserve our natural resources—and public safety—for essential human needs, not these glittery scams.

And what's to be lost? We know that human nature is accident-prone, regardless of safety protocols built into the technology. There will be accidents, there will be radiation leakage, people will get sick and suffer and some will die. Terrorists and the suicidal, both foreign and domestic, will have targets galore. And now we are seeing how easy it is for the basic mechanics of government to be sabotaged … who will regulate these dangerous plants and clean up the accidents as society gets more chaotic?

I hope you will quash these misguided bills and keep Oregon nuclear-free, safe and sensible.

Thank you.

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