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On Behalf Of:

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My objections to this bill remain the same as they were last week. While I understand the enthusiasm some have for exploring the possibilities of nuclear power plants as an alternative energy source, I vehemently oppose this irresponsible bill. SB 216 would repeal requirements for nuclear power plant siting in Oregon, removing the requirement for a radioactive waste disposal site and voter approval. It removes the requirement from the state wide moratorium that a federally licensed repository site exist for nuclear waste before a site certificate for a nuclear-fueled thermal power plant may be issued. This would leave Oregon and its citizens responsible for all nuclear waste handling, storage, and management if a nuclear plant were to be constructed. These are problems that many governments have found difficult and very expensive to deal with, so how is this a serious or sensible plan? Please consider Oregon's future responsibly and oppose this bill. Thank you.