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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB215

My objections to SB 215 are the same as last week. SB215 is yet another bill that would remove the requirement from the statewide 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 those who live here with the problems of nuclear waste handling, storage, and management if a nuclear plant were to be constructed. These are wastes that remain problematic for decades or longer, so these are immensely difficult and costly problems to saddle present and future Oregonians with, for a power source that could take years to become functional, and that could also present serious security risks if, for instance, an earthquake or other event damaged a reactor. Exploration of any nuclear power project is a serious undertaking and should be done wisely and carefully, not in the irresponsible manner proposed in SB215. Please consider the future of Oregon and Oregonians and oppose this bill. Thank you.