

I am strongly opposed to Senate bill 215. A permanent repository for radioactive waste did not exist in 1970, and it still does not exist today.

Spent radioactive fuel is currently stored next to reactors - a danger to people living downwind and posing a risk of terrorist attack by powerful drones.

It makes no sense to invest in a technology where the dangers far outweigh the benefits. There are much cleaner and safer energy sources developed today and batteries are so much more effective and powerful than they were in 1970. In 1980, the people of Oregon researched, discussed, educated, and motivated people to get involved in this issue. And the people made an informed decision not to develop further nuclear energy until there is a clean safe way to store the waste created by this type of energy. Our children will be settled with responsibility for storage of nuclear waste and many generations beyond them. It's just not a responsible choice.

There is no indication that we are any further along in developing technology for the storage of nuclear waste. In fact, Oregon has nuclear waste in Columbia County that was created in 1980 at the Trojan nuclear power plant and now 45 years later it's still there. Nuclear waste lasts forever.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose Senate bill 215. A much better way for Oregon to invest and commit to solutions to our energy needs is to move forward on solar, wind, and local options for storage.