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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB215

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in opposition to SB 215. I am opposed to SB 215 which would refer to voters a measure to exempt all Small Nuclear Reactors from the restriction on siting nuclear power plants in Oregon. These restrictions were passed by the electorate statewide in 1980 and we still do not have a solution to the disposal of nuclear waste. We still have stored nuclear waste sitting at Hanford. There is no reason to create more nuclear waste. Nuclear power is a false solution to our environmental problems and our ongoing energy needs. Small Nuclear Reactors divert attention and funding from real solutions such as wind and solar energy. Additionally nuclear waste creates health hazards- birth defects, thyroid cancer and leukemia. Please put this bill to rest.

Sincerely,

Cathy Spofford