

To: Senate Energy and Environment Committee
Re: SB635
March 12, 2025

Greetings Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Committee,

I am Dr. Theodora Tsongas, an environmental health scientist with a career in epidemiology and public health. I am a member of Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility.

I would like to add an additional comment to my oral and written testimony submitted on March 10th about Senate Bill 635: This bill directs Oregon State University (OSU) to conduct a feasibility study on nuclear energy generation in Oregon. I believe this study would be a waste of scarce dollars simply because OSU has a conflict of interest in that it is the original developer and proponent of NuScale's Small Modular Nuclear Reactor design and holds an equity share in NuScale. Thus, the study would be subject to scientific challenge and the results not credible because of this insurmountable bias, therefore making the expenditure of state funds a waste.

Please do not waste scarce dollars, and do not pass SB635 out of committee. We simply cannot afford it.

Thank you for your time and attention.