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Greetings, Representatives!

Congressman “Boomer” Wright and others have introduced HB 4046 with the apparent motivation of encouraging nuclear power in Oregon. The only need for a “study” on nuclear energy, would be to repeal Oregon’s salutary ORS 469.595 (forbidding the building of nuclear plants while there is no permanent storage available for the highly radioactive waste it would produce) and ORS 469.597 (which makes “the electors of this state” – not the representatives, but the electors – the deciders on any change to this act). Wright’s effort comes after several other pro-nuclear bills were defeated in the previous session.

This is part of a relentless plan for a few people to make big money on nuclear energy, while fouling the planet with radioactive waste that will be inimical to human Life for millennia. Please scuttle this unseemly plan to worm nuclear power into Oregon. In the United States alone, over 80,000 metric tons of high-level nuclear waste are sitting in pools or – the best we can hope for – in dry casks, rated at 100 years. No permanent storage location has been found, because radiation always leaks – even from Yucca Mountain – and nobody wants it in their homeland.

So don’t let them make *more* nuclear waste, and store it in Oregon. Oregonians don’t need plutonium, technetium, radium, cesium and tritium and so forth in our food and water. We shouldn’t have to worry about damaging our grandchildren’s or losing species to radiation-caused mutations. We don’t want to sentence the world to perpetual cancers and birth defects.

Please send this bill to oblivion, so that it does not send *us* there.

Sincerely,
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