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TO: Chair Beyer and Senators Findley, Dembrow, Robinson and Taylor

**RE: OPPOSE Senate Bill 360** and House Bills 2692 and 2332

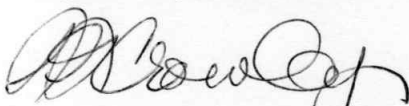
In 1980, I worked along with many other Oregonians to pass a grassroots ballot initiative requiring a federal high-level nuclear waste storage facility and a popular authorizing vote before new nuclear plants could be sited in Oregon. Despite vigorous utility opposition, the citizen-led campaign was a success, and has protected Oregonians from the fiscal and health consequences of generating additional nuclear waste for forty years.

The federal government is no closer to solving the high-level nuclear waste problem than it was in 1980. Now SB 360 and HB 2692 would eliminate the protective measures of the 1980 ballot measure to allow construction of so-called small nuclear reactors. HB 2332 would go even farther and completely eliminate protections enacted by a population that proved more far-sighted than federal bureaucracies that promised nuclear storage right around an elusive corner.

“Small” nuclear plants are linkable to create the same high cost and radioactive waste problems that sank the light-water nuclear power industry forty years ago. The peddled propaganda that such power is climate-friendly is illusory: fuel for these reactors requires a large amount of fossil fuel to produce. Their radioactive garbage will be with us forever.

Please honor the wise prior policy judgment of Oregon voters and reject this bargain with the Devil that makes no economic or environmental sense. Our elected representatives should consign all three of these bills to the round file of history where they belong.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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