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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2215

To: House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

My name is Laura Feldman. I was born and raised in Portland, OR. In my early 20's I protested against the flawed Trojan Nuclear Power Plant, whose contaminated fuel rods awaiting "permanent storage" are still buried next to the Columbia River and Hwy 30 near Rainier, OR.

Forty-three years later, NuScale's greenwashing frenzy to build SMRs in Oregon, overturning the 1980 vote of the people to prohibit creating more nuclear power production until a high level nuclear waste repository has been established (which is unlikely)) – is simply tragic.

As stated by others here today, nuclear energy is not clean, safe, cheap or timely. Climate chaos is upon us, manifested in the NW by wildfires– our new norm–which is not safe for SMRs or its wastes.

USDOE is now trying to sell rural communities on "interim consent-based siting," paying them to host high level radioactive wastes in their communities until the deep pit can be found, and they'll no doubt throw in an SMR or two. How to make these sites safe in the flux of fires, flooding, earthquakes, etc.?

We live down River from the Hanford Nuclear Weapons Site– a very vulnerable place to live. Let's devote our resources to the containment of the wastes there, not to creating more of it!

This proposed bill would put public health at greater risk, asking us to accept a higher level of ill health for the perceived benefits of nuclear weapons and nuclear power industries–the two inexorably intertwined.

I urge you, to oppose HB 2215