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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2215

My name is Ann Turner. I am a physician, retired from a career in community health, and a member of Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility.

As a physician concerned about the devastating consequences of nuclear waste to our health, I strongly oppose HB 2215, that removes the requirement that adequate repository for terminal disposition of high-level radioactive waste be licensed as precondition for issuance of site certificate for nuclear-fueled thermal power plant.

When Oregon passed legislation in 1980 preventing the construction of nuclear power plants in Oregon until a high-level nuclear waste repository has been federally licensed, it was clear that there was no safe method for storing nuclear waste. There is still no safe way to store nuclear waste. We know the devastating health impacts of radioactive waste contaminating the air, soil and water for hundreds of years.

We must not put the people and the environment at risk by overturning the sound and wise legislation passed in 1980 to protect Oregonians and Oregon from a nuclear power plant accident or natural disaster that releases radioactive waste into the environment.

I cannot urge you strongly enough to vote "no" on this bill, HB 2215.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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