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Hon. Committee Members -

I urge you to oppose HB 4046. The risks associated with nuclear energy remain significant. We should be pursuing renewables and making all efforts to transition to renewables ASAP -- both to slow down the damage to our climate and to avoid unnecessary risks to human health and future generations. We don't need another study to tell us that extreme weather, seismic events, and human error could lead to widespread radioactive contamination. The consequences of a leak or meltdown would be devastating to many, including those living near proposed sites.

As you know, there is no permanent storage in the U.S. for high-level nuclear waste, and it often remains on-site indefinitely. It doesn't matter if the reactors are "advanced" -- If we haven't figured out safe storage, we should not be creating radioactive waste! This waste could threaten Oregon's rivers, aquifers, farmlands, and rural communities as it has in Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and elsewhere around the globe.

Sincerely,
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