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On Behalf Of: Self
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4046

Chair Lively and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment:

Hello. Thank you for serving our beautiful state.

I am a life-long resident of Oregon. I have made homes in many of the small communities and farms across the state. A mom, grandma and retired public-school teacher, I currently live in Ashland.

I write to you today because I am deeply concerned that we are leaving a ecological mess for future generations. From plastic in the oceans, to hazardous waste dumps, to the climate chaos caused by the greenhouse gasses we continue to spew—knowingly-- into the air we all breathe.

Communities across the state are already experiencing climate chaos that is a direct result of our misguided and shortsighted failure to be good stewards of the land. It is a situation we--which is most of us in big ways and small--have contributed to and must now help clean up. It is simply unconscionable to create yet more contamination for future generations to reckon with.

Simply put: we don't need more nuclear power. There are just too many unsolved issues with nuclear at this point, including the mining of uranium and the storage of radioactive waste. We can meet future energy demands without further degradation to the environment.

I encourage the committee to focus its time and our tax dollars towards developing clean and renewable sources of power, such as electric derived from renewables: waves, wind, geothermal and sunshine.

Please VOTE NO on HB4046.

Respectfully,
Teresa Brain