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Testimony in Opposition to Ohio House Bill 434

Dear Chairman Stephens, Vice chair Stewart, Ranking member Weinstein and Committee members,

I am opposed to Ohio House Bill 434 for two main reasons: the radioactivity danger from this reactor project and the financial cost to all Ohioans.

There is a real possibility that this reactor could leak deadly radiation if the reactor was ever to be completed. Thorium and molten salt reactors mentioned specifically in HB 434 are expensive and dangerous. I don't want to live near possibly the next Chernobyl disaster. There is also the danger from the radioactive waste created. The storage of such waste is always a problem and a health hazard. That waste will stay hazardous and radioactive for thousands of years. The lives of Ohioans would be put at risk.

Proof that this nuclear reactor project is not viable financially is that Wall Street will not fund it nor will any other state. The fact is that Ohioans could wind up paying for this scheme indefinitely. Dealing with the radioactive waste could also fall on Ohioans. A single company is pushing this project and seems to be the biggest beneficiary-- eGeneration. Ohio taxpayers definitely should not be providing the funding for such a dubious and potentially dangerous and costly nuclear project.

Ohioans should not be held financially liable for HB 434 after the citizen rip-off that occurred with HB 6.

Ohio needs safe, clean renewable energy and energy efficiency, not a dangerous nuclear reactor rip-off.

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