

Subject: Vote NO on AB-305- Protect California's Nuclear Safeguards

Dear Assemblymember Davies,

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on AB-305 when it comes before the Natural Resources Committee this Monday.

For nearly 50 years, California's Nuclear Safeguards Act has served as a critical protection for our health, environment, and future--ensuring no new nuclear reactors are built until a permanent solution for radioactive waste is in place. AB-305 would dismantle these protections, fast-tracking experimental nuclear technologies like small modular reactors (SMRs) without addressing the ongoing and unresolved crisis of nuclear waste disposal.

Despite their name, SMRs are not proven, truly "small," or inherently safe. In fact, studies indicate that SMRs can produce more nuclear waste per unit of energy than traditional reactors, while being subject to weaker safety standards. This approach risks long-term environmental harm and public health in the name of speculative technology.

AB-305 represents a dangerous step backward. It prioritizes powerful energy interests over science and safety. This bill undermines nearly half a century of responsible nuclear oversight and burdens future generations with waste we still don't know how to manage.

With the bill coming before the Natural Resources Committee on April 21, I urge you to stand with your constituents and the values of precaution and environmental stewardship. Please vote NO on AB-305.

Thank you,
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