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Telling the truth about nuclear power. Working for a sustainable, just energy future.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in opposition to bill H.4144, in regards to the Governor's support for nuclear power and Section 45 of H.4144 which repeals the 1982 Act, Chap. 503. This Act requires a statewide referendum on nuclear power before any reactor can be built.

I am requesting the withdrawal of Section 45 that eviscerates the peoples' ability to determine their energy future.

Governor Healey's energy plan embraces nuclear power and undermines the democratic process.

Why doesn't the Governor want voters to decide what a "clean" energy future is? Our legislators must do better. This repeal of our rights to decide our future is unacceptable.

I live 4 miles from the Yankee Rowe reactor and 16 miles from Vermont Yankee. The advocating for nuclear energy while there is no solution for its deadly waste is a slap in the face to communities that have borne nuclear power's assault on our lives undermining our waterways, air, and land.

Our communities are stuck with high level radioactive waste dumps—vulnerable to acts of malice and climate disruption. This waste has nowhere to go. We live with the broken promises of the nuclear industry and the federal government. Don't add the state of Massachusetts.

To take away our ability to determine our future and the future for our children is a meltdown in democracy.

We need a "clean" energy future, not a radioactive one.

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