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## **Young Californians love Diablo Canyon -but Democratic boomers in the CA legislature aren't listening**

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued operation of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant for 20 more years, at a minimum. I'm a Generation Z, Democratic voter who is sickened by the continued lack of honesty and competence from politicians in my party who are playing games with our future and with our ability to keep the lights on. After having virtually attended this Tuesday's Clean Energy Future Subcommittee hearing on grid stability, I was shocked to hear Senators Becker, Stern, and Min all but ignore the fact that - more than any of their proposed half measures such as "better forecasting" or improved storage - doing everything possible to keep 10% of California's electricity generation capacity online is CRUCIAL in stabilizing our grid and meeting electricity demand. Those senators and every state-level Democratic politician, especially those participating in today's workshop should be leading the fight to save half of California's emissions-free electricity.

Instead, those politicians who claim to be climate leaders are willing spend billions on the dismantling of our single largest source of carbon-free energy because they're bankrolled by the renewables industry or are still afraid of pushback from the (increasingly geriatric) anti-nuclear movement. California legislature Democrats are also talking out of both sides of their mouths when they say they support the union movement while supporting the shut down of a nuclear power plant, which provides far more permanent union jobs than any wind or solar installation.

Please listen to the science, including recommendations from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and keep nuclear online in California as part of our climate change strategy. Please listen to the union workers at the plant who will lose their livelihoods after a shutdown, and who will remember which politicians fought for them and which didn't. And finally, please listen to your younger constituents, who will have to deal with the impacts of worsening climate change for much longer than those who have a bigger voice in this decision.