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The people of California Need Nuclear Energy

It would be a massive mistake to decommission the diablo canyon nuclear power plant. Although nuclear energy receives a huge stigma for its most well know, perverted use as nuclear weapons, it is one of the best sources of energy currently within our reach. Fear of nuclear energy from plants such as diablo canyon is not well-founded but rather born from a place of ignorance and prejudice, which is a contributing factor that should be wholly ignored. The opinions of the uneducated should be disregarded completely when it comes to matters of achieving a clean energy economy. Any action taken to move California or anyone else from a stable and clean energy economy is a huge mistake.

Look at Germany's energy crisis and learn from it. They had poorly developed nuclear energy (an issue we certainly do not face) and public opinion due to plan malfunction drove the decision to phase out nuclear energy; now their energy infrastructure is weak and was left vulnerable. Their goal is to replace their power sources with renewable energy but they are highly dependent on coal for power, and hoping to replace it with natural gas which most of it is classified as a fossil fuel. They are hurtling in the wrong direction if they want to achieve reliable and clean energy; please do not do the same.

Lastly, there is no other currently viable source of energy that is as clean, reliable, and efficient as nuclear fission. Fact of the matter is that while wind and solar seem like the perfect green sources, they are not nearly as clean as nuclear because of the materials required for production. Not only is nuclear cleaner but it's not dependent on clear skies and the sun shining, or strong winds like solar and wind energies.

We live in the 21st century, let's act like it and hold onto responsible sources of energy rather than backtracking because of trivial issues.