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Keep Diablo Canyon Power Plant running

California has an opportunity to make a responsible decision to secure her energy future by allowing the continued operation of the valuable Diablo Canyon Power Plant and by clearing some of the artificial barriers to the same that have been foolishly erected over the course of the past decade. We need to ensure that we have its large source of carbon-free baseload power available to ensure that our electrical grid can continue to provide power to our citizens and businesses without the re-introduction of more fossil fuels to our power grid. Those that pretend that shutting down Diablo Canyon will not lead to a rise in carbon dioxide emissions or create a significant negative economic impact on the state are either misinformed or dishonest, as both will happen if the shutdown is allowed to go forward.

We need to learn from the lessons this very year learned by Germany, which has made similar foolish decisions to shut down its nuclear power plants, as well as France, which has likewise been retiring plants and neglecting to build more. Both countries have faced enormous energy shortages because of their short-term thinking when faced with an energy shock originating from Russia. While we are not directly under threat from Russia as Europe is, we in California need to be prepared to contend with energy shocks in the future. Do not put our state at the mercy of bad energy planning.