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Dear California Energy Commission Members and Staff,
I'd like to pass along my Letter to the Editor published in the print edition of the San Francisco Chronicle on August 17, page A16:

Regarding "Newsom proposes nuclear closure delay to bolster grid" (Bay Area & Business, Aug. 13): Both nuclear power and nuclear weapons are making headlines this week. For the second time during Russia's war on Ukraine, a power plant has been attacked with dangerous potential consequences. Sensitive nuclear documents appear to have been brought to Mar-a-Lago for an unknown purpose. Important anti-proliferation agreements are being challenged or weakened by Russia. These are risky times.

But, hooray, these are also exciting times of opportunity, because we have finally passed a bill for reducing energy use, which will forestall the drastic consequences of climate change. This is a galvanizing moment to make progress without having to rely on fossil fuels and nuclear power.

Therefore, one must question Gov. Gavin Newsom's recommendation to delay the decommissioning of Diablo Canyon Power Plant, which is already compromised by its location near an earthquake fault. Finalizing such a decision by the end of August means caving in to PG&E and the California Independent System Operator. This stopgap measure is in no way a sensible bridge for continuous energy use; it's indeed a bridge too far.

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