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Nuclear power is clean, safe, reliable power! And no blackouts please

Hi, I'm Julia DeWahl, I'm 35 and live in Los Angeles with my husband and 1-year old with a second son on the way, and I'd like my kids to grow up in a world of abundant carbon-free energy.

I'd like to see an equitable society where we all have access to a reliable grid, not one where the rich start setting up their own power sources to get them through the inevitable blackouts we will see if we shut down Diablo Canyon, with the rest risking losing power for vital services, impacting livelihoods and quality of life. It would be an embarrassment to California and weaken our credibility as a responsible leader in the climate movement.

Nuclear power is proven to be a safe and incredibly efficient form of energy, and its the only type of energy that actually takes responsibility for its byproducts, which are very small in volume.

And what's so exciting about nuclear power is that it is a zero carbon form of energy AND it's reliable and is available ON TAP at any time of day. The sun and wind are unfortunately not available to us 24/7 and we don't have anywhere close the amount of storage we would need to access this power round the clock, so we need nuclear as part of our energy mix. Diversity of energy sources is the name of the game here.

I would like to see us extend the life of Diablo Canyon for at least 10 years so we can meet our climate goals *and* keep power on for the livelihoods and quality of life of Californians. Nuclear will always be an important part of the energy mix of a carbon-free energy future, so it would be devastatingly short-sighted to close down Diablo Canyon.