

Please take action and forward to others

Tell your Representative and Senators: DO NOT fund nuclear reactors with risky, taxpayer-guaranteed loans!

Language has been added to the Senate- and House-passed energy bills that would allow the Department of Energy to authorize unlimited loan guarantees to the nuclear industry without congressional oversight, forcing **U.S. taxpayers** to assume the high risk of expensive loan defaults by nuclear.

Please use the sample script below to call your Senators and Representative and **ask that this language be removed**. You can reach the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.

- Hello, my name is [NAME] and I am calling from [CITY/TOWN]. I urge [Senator ____ / Representative ____] to remove harmful language from the recently passed energy bills that could provide a blank check of billions of dollars in loan guarantees to the nuclear industry. (House bill HR 3221, Section 9201; Senate bill HR 6, Section 124b)
- Enough is enough! The nuclear industry already receives substantial subsidies from the federal government under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, amounting to more than \$13 billion.
- We have the technology to produce carbon-free energy through safe and efficient means. Please remove this language and pass a final energy bill that will truly bring America's new energy future to life and make real progress in solving global warming.

Take Action by email here:

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Background

Nuclear energy is a bad investment for various reasons, most notably due to the dangerous nature of possible nuclear reactor meltdowns that can result from human error and instrument malfunction. In addition, the nuclear waste generated from this process remains without a permanent storage site, and continues to accumulate at rapid rates even without a wave of new nuclear reactors.

Nuclear energy is dangerous and expensive. By guaranteeing up to 100% of the billions of dollars in loans necessary to construct just one reactor, Congress is encouraging the construction and power generation of an unstable and economically unviable source of energy. According to the Congressional Budget Office, nuclear companies have a greater than 50% chance of defaulting on their loans -- a default that would force Americans to fund the nuclear loans from their pocketbooks.

The Nuclear Energy Institute, in anticipation of the proposed loan guarantees, has already requested more than \$50 billion over the next two years. It's not too late to remove this dangerous language from the final energy bill. Nuclear technology has repeatedly demonstrated its inability to financially support itself and guarantee safety for its workers and nearby cities and towns. Taxpayers should not be forced to foot a bill that the industry cannot pay itself.

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