

## SAMPLE LETTER REGARDING SB3417 AHD HB6007

These bills, if passed, would remove the nuclear power construction moratorium that bans new nuclear plant construction in Illinois until the Federal Government has implemented a plan to permanently dispose of the high-level waste that has been generated – 9,000 tons in Illinois alone. We urge you to contact your state Senator and Representative to oppose these bills.

Use this letter as a template, changing the names, titles and bill number as needed:

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**RE: SB3417 [or, HB 6007]** – repeal of the Illinois nuclear construction moratorium

Dear Sen. \_\_\_\_\_ [or, Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ ]:

I am writing to ask that you **oppose SB3417 [or HB6007]**, if sent to your State Representative], a bill to repeal Illinois' nuclear power plant construction moratorium.

This law was originally enacted to protect Illinois from becoming a de facto high-level radioactive waste dump. It requires the nuclear industry and federal government to have an operational permanent disposal facility for their high-level radioactive waste in operation **BEFORE** allowing construction of more nuclear plants, which would add more waste to the 9,000+ tons Exelon nuclear reactors have already generated in Illinois. This is common sense: we don't issue construction permits for houses, schools and skyscrapers that do not have bathrooms. The nuclear industry should be held to the same standard.

With the U.S. Government 35-50 years away from opening a permanent high-level radioactive waste disposal facility, we should not repeal a law that protects Illinois from more radioactive waste abuse.

Exelon recently announced it may **CLOSE** up to five existing reactors in Illinois due to an unfavorable business climate for nuclear energy. This bill would therefore not bring any jobs, additional tax revenues, or power to Illinois until sometime far into the future, if ever. It's a fake solution to a non-existent problem.

Please use your precious legislative time solving **REAL** Illinois problems – like the state budget, pension system and public education. I ask that you oppose this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,