

NEIS ACTION ALERT!

CRUNCH TIME has arrived! Fight the Exelon Nuclear Bailout
(or, get your pockets picked. Your choice.).

Greetings All –

1.) STOP THE EXELON NUCLEAR BAILOUT!:

The Spring legislative session ends officially May 31st. Legislators will soon be considering the recently introduced Exelon nuclear bailout bill SB1585- Floor Amendment 3 – which they call the “Next Generation Energy Plan.” We call it, “**The Exelon Bailout Bill,**” because that’s what it is – a direct transfer of wealth from the pockets of all Illinois ratepayers into the pockets of Exelon’s shareholders to pay for 3 money-losing nuclear reactors.

The NEIS website has a lot of the [background documents](#) on this **corporate bailout** scheme:

- Exelon wants anywhere from \$150-\$300 million a year of ratepayer money for the next 5-6 years to pay for the three **money-losing reactors** they operate (Clinton-1; Quad Cities 1 & 2 – the same reactor design as the ones that melted down and blew up at Fukushima, Japan – *only older!*).
- Exelon has actively thwarted fixing the state’s renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) for the past 4 years, preventing money from being spent on new renewable energy projects, and costing the state jobs and tax loss in renewable energy and energy efficiency professions. Their game plan is simple: **kill renewable energy competition.**
- ComEd wants to change the way ratepayers get billed in a way that will **drive up rates**, while simultaneously **killing solar “net-metering.”** They also want to get back into the generation business, by taking over community solar projects.

We have all of 14 days to **stop this “nuclear terrorism.”** Here’s...

What you can do!:

Contact:

- Governor Bruce Rauner
(312) 814-2121
Leave a [comment on his webpage](#):
- House Speaker Michael Madigan
(217) 782-5350
- Senate Pres. John Cullerton
(773) 883-0770
- Your own STATE representative and senator ([here’s how you find out who that is](#), and how to contact them)

The Message is simple: **Say NO to Exelon’s corporate welfare bailout!**

- **NO** bailouts for Exelon’s aging, money losing reactors
- Fix the Renewable Portfolio Standard, and expand renewable energy
- Enact a “just transitions” program for reactor communities and displaced workers;
- Enact strong reactor decommissioning laws

2.) **PROTECT ENERGY EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS AND LIHEAP PROGRAMS:**

Our friends and colleagues working for environmental justice have also been keeping an eye on threats to energy efficiency and the low-income heating and energy assistance program (LIHEAP) which are also threatened.

What you can do:

“We have a moral obligation to insist that our elected officials pass a budget that meets the needs of all Illinoisans now and for the future.

“Please ask your Senator and Representative to protect clean energy funds, and co-sponsor SB3383 and HB5971.

E-mail Your Legislators!

“SB 3383 and HB 5971 both **ask for full funding and protection for the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards (EEPS) Fund**, and SB 3383 also asks for **full funding and protection for the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Renewable Energy Resources Fund (RERF).**

“All of us thrive when we create good jobs in clean energy, look after our residents most in need, and reduce pollution. Funds that protect all Illinoisans and the land, water, and air that we all share cannot be diverted at this crucial time.

“Tell your legislators you don’t want Illinois’ future for clean energy and thriving communities swept away. [Ask your legislators to Co-sponsor and support SB3383 and HB5971.](#)”

Sincerely,

Pastor Vance, Policy Director, Faith in Place

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All right folks, we know that’s a lot to do, but that’s what’s called for. You send these guys “contributions” 12 times a year for things that hurt you. You can put out a little more effort to fight for the things you believe in! **Please make these calls TODAY, but certainly before Tuesday, May 31st.**

I have long boasted to our colleagues in this fight about the goodness of NEIS members to deliver at crunch time. Here’s your chance to prove me right. **Go get ‘em!**

Thanks in advance. Stay well, do great things,

--Dave Kraft—