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Ohio utilities rely too heavily on dirty and expensive fossil fuels. Ohio's new law that requires utilities to invest in efficiency and renewables is a step in the right direction - creating jobs, protecting public health, and cleaning our air. But Duke wants to be let off the hook for its efficiency responsibilities and has proposed to build an expensive new nuclear plant instead. Please hold Duke accountable! Ohioans want efficiency and renewables - not a new nuclear plant!

Many market potential studies have proven that it's cost effective for Duke to go well beyond its efficiency requirements, and many renewable technologies are far cheaper than building a nuclear plant. Efficiency and renewables are the most cost effective ways of shielding consumers from high energy costs and protecting the environment.

If oil wells drilled 30 to 50 years ago are leaking methane and oil and it's impossible to have them properly maintained, how can we expect nuclear power plants to be properly maintained for hundreds of years? Put an end to dangerous nonsense: no new nuclear plants anywhere period!

If Duke is let off the hook for its energy efficiency requirements, every utility in the state may try to follow suit. Please protect all customers and the environment through strong enforcement of SB221.

Sincerely

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