Oppose SB0076/HB 1079

*Keep Illinois On The Path to 100% Clean Energy: Don’t Lift Illinois Longstanding Moratorium on Building New Nuclear Reactors*

What does SB0076/HB 1079 do?

End Illinois’ longstanding moratorium on new nuclear installments within the State.

This bill amends the Public Utilities Act by eliminating language that no construction shall commence on any new nuclear power plant to be located within the State, and no certificate of public convenience and necessity or other authorization shall be issued therefor by the Illinois Commerce Commission, until the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency finds that the United States Government, through its authorized agency, has identified and approved a demonstrable technology or means for the disposal of high level nuclear waste, or until such construction has been specifically approved by a statute enacted by the General Assembly.

Clean energy, not nuclear, is the Affordable, Proven Solution for our Future Energy

While Illinois hosts over 11 gigawatts of nuclear power, over 700 gigawatts of additional power are awaiting interconnection approval from regional energy markets across the country to backfill the retirement of uneconomic power plants. The majority of these resources waiting in line are solar, wind and battery storage- proven technologies that are already creating good jobs and delivering consumer savings - these smart solutions should remain our focus.

*Across States, Market Focus For New Projects Is On Clean Energy*
Nuclear power is expensive, risky, and a diversion from the clean energy economy we are building in Illinois:

- **Nuclear power is extremely expensive**, and would require large rate hikes on Illinois families and businesses, massive government subsidies, or both
- **Nuclear power comes with safety risks and highly hazardous wastes** that threaten our drinking water and have no permanent solution in sight. Illinois already has the most nuclear reactors in the country and we shouldn’t add to the growing stockpiles of waste already in Illinois communities.

**The Takeaway**

Illinois should stay the course to a clean energy future by keeping our focus on the clean energy jobs we are building across our state. By opposing SB0076/HB 1079, we are continuing to invest in *real* energy solutions, not unproven, risky technologies that leave Illinois communities with more nuclear waste.