

# The Wyden-Sununu Amendment Protects Taxpayers, Environmentalists, and Consumers

Title IV, Subtitle B of S. 14 provides federal loan guarantees to build six new nuclear power plants at an estimated cost of \$14 to \$16 billion to taxpayers. It also authorizes the federal government to buy power back from those new plants—potentially at above market rates.

**The Wyden-Sununu amendment would strike this subtitle.**

“The Wyden-Sununu amendment protects taxpayers against the fiscally irresponsible nuclear provisions contained in S. 14, which continue a long history of subsidies to the nuclear industry that took \$66 billion out of taxpayers’ pockets between 1948 – 1998.”

**John Berthoud, President  
National Taxpayers Union**

"The Senate energy bill provides loan guarantees and power purchase agreements to the mature nuclear industry at a huge cost to taxpayers. After decades of taxpayer-funded subsidies to the nuclear industry, the only thing we can guarantee is that taxpayers will be on the hook for billions. The Wyden-Sununu amendment would strip these fiscally irresponsible provisions from the energy bill."

**Jill Lancelot, President  
Taxpayers for Common Sense Action**

"Ratepayers who have been stuck footing the bill for billions of dollars of cost overruns from past nuclear construction projects know too well nuclear power's false promise of electricity 'too cheap to meter.' The Wyden-Sununu amendment protects consumers from expensive distortions of the electricity market."

**Joan Claybrook, President  
Public Citizen**

"New nuclear power plants would exacerbate the nuclear waste problem, worsening this environmental and public health liability for future generations. The Wyden-Sununu amendment is consistent with the safe, clean, affordable energy future that Americans deserve."

**Carl Pope  
Sierra Club**

“New nuclear power plants will burden the public with expensive and potential liabilities while imposing additional safety and security threats. These unfair subsidies to a mature industry grant nuclear power an undesirable competitive advantage over safe, clean energy alternatives.”

**Gene Karpinski, Executive Director  
U.S. Public Interest Research Group**

## Vote “YES” on Wyden-Sununu Amendment