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**VERMONT SENATE VOTES TO CLOSE VERMONT YANKEE
LEGISLATURES IN WEST VIRGINIA AND ARIZONA DEFEAT PRO-NUCLEAR
MEASURES**

THE TIDE IS TURNING.....KEEP UP YOUR EFFORTS

February 26, 2010

Dear Friends,

First, **thank you to everyone**

who participated in yesterday's National Call-Congress Day! We received a lot of reports back from people; if you haven't sent in a quick report, please do.

We'll be continuing to put pressure on Congress to prevent a tripling of the nuclear reactor loan program, and we hope you'll continue to help: when we all speak together, our impact is great.

A reminder: if you haven't yet written to your Senators this week, [please do so here](#). And if you haven't yet written your House member this week, [please do so here](#).

And please make sure your family members and friends have the opportunity to send in their letters as well.

Now the good news! The nuclear industry may think it's on the verge of a revival, but the people of the United States are saying something very different!

In Vermont on Tuesday, the State Senate voted 26-4 to close the Vermont Yankee reactor when its license expires in 2012. That's a huge victory, but one that will need to be protected over the coming months since no one is foolish enough to believe the Entergy Corporation is just going to slink home. Here is a [statement from Citizens Awareness Network](#) on the vote.

Yesterday in West Virginia, a bill to repeal that state's ban on new nuclear construction was defeated in the state legislature. Although the bill had already passed the Senate's Energy and Mining Committee, it received only one vote in the Judiciary Committee and is now dead for the year.

And yesterday in Arizona, a bill to classify nuclear power as renewable energy was withdrawn following heavy lobbying from the solar power industry and environmental community.

Congratulations to everyone in those states who worked on those issues.

If Washington and the nuclear industry think they can shove nuclear power down the throats of Americans and make us pay for it at the same time, they'd better think again. The tide is turning: if we all keep it up and keep this movement growing, we really can build the nuclear-free, carbon-free energy future our planet requires.

We'll soon let you know the next steps you can take. In the meantime, thank you again for all your work and

activism. It is essential.

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