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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3579

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Levy and Levy, members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is Dr. Mark Puhlman DNP. I am a member of the Lake Oswego Sustainability Board and the Lake Oswego Sustainability Network and am testifying as an individual citizen of the great state of Oregon. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of HB 3579 and the forthcoming amendment.

The Inflation Reduction Act includes \$60 billion in incentives for domestic manufacturing across the clean energy supply chain. Unfortunately, Oregon is well behind other states when it comes to leveraging these incentives and proactively supporting, growing, and attracting climate technology companies and clean energy manufacturers.

The legislature has a vital role to play in ensuring Oregon is well-positioned to harness these historic incentives for domestic manufacturing of in-demand, clean energy technologies—like heat pumps. HB 3579 and the forthcoming amendment will help maximize Oregon’s competitiveness in attracting, expanding, and sustaining clean energy technology companies and manufacturing industries in Oregon. In doing so, this bill provides an opportunity to support sustained economic growth, create good union jobs, jumpstart new local businesses, improve climate preparedness, address supply chain constraints, and ensure affordable access to clean energy technologies.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support HB 3579 and the forthcoming amendment.

Sincerely

Mark and Leah Puhlman