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PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL WARMING

April 2, 2013

Senator Lee Beyer, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 807

Dear Senator Beyer and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to oppose Senate Bill 807. Climate Solutions is a regional, clean energy economy nonprofit whose mission is to accelerate practical and profitable solutions to global warming.

SB 807 requires an independent audit of the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO). While there is nothing inherently wrong with an audit of a nonprofit, in this case it is simply unnecessary and a poor use of utility ratepayer money.

From the start, the Energy Trust was designed to run energy efficiency and renewable energy programs with public input and oversight from the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC). The ETO conducts open Board meetings, relies on stakeholder advisory councils, and submits annual financial audits, program reviews and reports to the OPUC. In short, the ETO conducts its business in a transparent way with close oversight from the Commission.

Most importantly, the ETO is using ratepayer dollars to achieve substantial energy savings, including saving enough energy in its first ten years of operation to power 320,000 homes and heat another 45,700 with natural gas.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns about SB 807.

Sincerely,

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