February 5, 2014

Hon. Jules Bailey Chair, House Energy and Environment Committee 900 Court Street NE, H-274 Salem, OR 97242

Dear Chair Bailey and Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee:

Facebook is pleased to offer our support of the green energy tariff concept as proposed in HB 4126. We appreciate the opportunity to create and secure more clean and renewable energy options in Oregon.

Facebook has been very pleased with our experience locating our first owned Data Center in Prineville, Oregon, and we are grateful for the support we received from the Legislature and Governor in that process.

When we designed and built the Prineville Data Center, we took advantage of a tremendous opportunity to be a good steward in the community. We put our best engineers to work to develop a new design that was 38% more energy efficient than our leased capacity at the time. This was accomplished through a combination of efforts including designing servers that use less energy and making innovative use of the natural and built environment to heat, cool and circulate air.

To further expand the positive impact of these innovations, Facebook created the Open Compute project and shared our data center and server designs with other companies so they can adopt and benefit from the same energy efficiency gains and contribute their ideas for further improvement.

While our work to improve data center efficiency is significant we seek to further the sustainability of our operations by having access to more sources of cost competitive clean and renewable energy. House Bill 4126 provides an opportunity for all businesses to make some important steps towards increasing their use of clean in renewable energy and for this reason we encourage your support.

Sincerely,

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