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Representative Jules Bailey
Chair, Energy and Environment Committee
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St NE, H-274
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Bailey and Members of the Energy and Environment Committee,

RE: Hearing Testimony for SB 1578A

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Prineville to express support for SB 1578A, as amended, to make biomass an eligible green energy technology to meet the state's 1.5% investment requirement for new public building and major renovations.

In Prineville, we are researching every kind of renewable energy possible including biomass thermal energy. We are in an area that once relied heavily on the timber industry, as well as seeing our timber lands not being maintained putting them at a greater risk of fire.

Including this technology as a renewable energy alternative offers many opportunities for Prineville to offset fossil fuel, while maintaining and being responsible stewards of timber lands while accomplishing a much needed positive economic and environmental benefit for all in our community.

Sincerely,



Betty J. Roppe
City of Prineville, Mayor

cc: Representative Mike McLane
Representative Gene Whisnat
Senator Ted Ferrioli
Representative Tim Knopp

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