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TO: Representative Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair, House Committee on Energy and Environment
Members, House Committee on Energy and Environment

FR: Rikki Seguin, Lead Advocate, Environment Oregon

RE: Support of HB 2574

On behalf of our over 40,000 members and supporters across the state, **Environment Oregon supports HB 2574.**

As we experience the effects of global warming, from extreme drought to decreased snowpack, Oregon must shift away from the fossil fuels that contribute to global warming and repower our state with clean, renewable solar energy. **HB 2574** removes unnecessary solar energy barriers that many homeowners and Environment Oregon members experience across the state. Oregon homeowners should have the ability to install solar panels on their roof without facing provisions set by homeowners associations and similar bodies prohibiting them from doing so.

The passage of HB 2574 will help to grow Oregon's solar market, create local jobs, and ensure a clean energy future.

¹ Environment Oregon Research and Policy Center, *Star Power: The Growing Role of Solar Energy in America*, November 2014. Available online:
http://environmentamerica.org/sites/environment/files/reports/EA_Star_Power.pdf