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House Energy and Environment Committee

Dear Chair Vega Pederson and members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 2632. Winema Electric is an IBEW electrical contractor based in Klamath Falls. We serve southern Oregon working in residential, commercial and industrial electrical construction.

Solar has been a boom for our business for the past four years. We have installed and maintained both larger and mid-sized commercial photovoltaic systems. The solar sites range from public buildings to farms and educational institutions. There have been over 300 solar installations in Klamath County. We hold ongoing maintenance contracts for a number of systems. We have several experienced technicians trained and ready to work in solar and would welcome the opportunity to work on more large scale systems.

HB 2632 encourages utility scale solar and these large scale solar projects will bring direct economic benefit to rural Oregon, both in construction and ongoing maintenance contracts. HB 2632 would create and support many living wage jobs.

These comments are submitted by:

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