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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 2632

On behalf of our over 40,000 members and supporters across the state, **Environment Oregon supports HB 2632 as one of the key steps Oregon should take toward repowering with clean, renewable solar energy.** Environment Oregon is a statewide, citizen-based, environmental advocacy organization.

As we experience the effects of global warming, from extreme drought to decreased snowpack, Oregon must shift away from fossil fuels that contribute to global warming and instead repower our state with clean, renewable solar energy. **HB 2632** is bold, forward-thinking, and balanced, and it functions as a simple and effective tool to get on the right track with solar power. As earlier presenters showed, Oregon lags woefully behind its clean energy potential, with only 0.02% of our current electricity consumption coming from the sun.

HB 2632 allows the state to invest in a clean energy future and get the most solar power for the lowest cost. It is also an investment in Oregon jobs and our local economy.

The passage of HB 2632 will help to grow Oregon's solar market, create local jobs, and ensure a clean energy future.