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Chair Jessica Vega-Pederson  
House Energy and Environment Committee  
900 Court St. NE, H-285  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representative Vega-Pederson,

HB 2745 and HB 2941 is an opportunity for Oregon to make local clean solar energy accessible to all Oregonians. We thank you for your consideration of the legislation and encourage passage of these bills.

HB 2745 - Solar Feed-In-Tariff - is uniquely Oregon and allows independent minded Oregonians the ability to control their utility bills. Feed-In-Tariff subscribers are:

- Ranchers with irrigators
- Retirees settling into their golden years
- Public schools and universities across Oregon
- And other Oregonians wanting independence to control their power bills

HB 2941 - Community Solar Gardens - would open access to solar energy allowing anyone, regardless of whether or not they can put solar panels on their roof, to own and control their own renewable energy generation. By doing so, Oregonians can choose their own energy future.

From its expansive eastern solar plains to the power hungry Willamette Valley, Oregon is a beautiful place to live. We should continue to use and expand solar power in Oregon through opportunities like the solar Feed-in-Tariff and Community Solar Gardens.

I support these bills and thank Chair Vega-Pederson. We urge you to pass the bills and allow all Oregonians the chance to access their own clean energy.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Weinbender".

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