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

RE: House Bill 2447 Extension of Sunset for Tax Credit for Alternative Energy Devices

Dear Chair Pederson,

It is my pleasure to submit comments in support of House Bill 2447 and the extension of the sunset for tax credits for alternative energy devices.

Electric vehicle charging stations are an important piece of infrastructure that enables greater use of plug-in hybrid and battery electric vehicles. Reducing the cost of charging station projects for the end-user is an easy and low cost way to support greater transportation electrification in Oregon. Oregon's Global Warming Commission found that in order to meet Oregon's global warming goals, we need 10% of the vehicle fleet to be electric by 2020, and 90% of all miles driven to be electric by 2050.

While the cost of charging equipment is going down every year, the cost can still make these vehicles less affordable, especially for those who live in apartment buildings or have expensive installation challenges. These tax credits help make electric vehicle ownership affordable for more Oregon families.

Drive Oregon is the epicenter for innovation in electric mobility, connecting leaders and entrepreneurs to advance the industry and strengthen our economy. Drive Oregon's mission is to grow the electric vehicle industry and promote electric transportation in Oregon. We have more than 100 members, ranging from small startup companies to public interest organizations and major global auto manufacturers.

Best regards,

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