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**Subject:** Requesting Your Support for HB 2449

Chair Vega Pederson and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment:

The Oregon Business Council supports HB 2449 to extend the Biomass Producer and Collector Tax Credit and to establish a pilot program for the generation of renewable energy from biomass feedstocks.

For years the Oregon Business Council and its members have been involved in efforts to restore our federal forests. As this work progresses, the importance of identifying markets for woody biomass grows. Establishing the appropriate markets for biomass energy is a critical element of an overall agenda to restore the health of our forested landscapes, to create jobs in Oregon's rural communities, and to diversify our energy supply.

We hope that you support HB 2449.

Thank you,

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