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Hi, I'd like to share my views with the House Committee on Energy and the Environment. I'm a physician in Portland, and I have a deep personal interest as a citizen and as a father in energy policy and issues that impact climate change. We need the Feed-In Tariff (FIR) program to continue.

In terms of effecting me directly, I can't put solar on my roof -- it's too shady -- so I've been waiting eagerly for Community Solar programs to be developed, and I know many other Portlanders have as well. My understanding is that the FIT is critical to the funding structure of such programs, at least in getting them established and developing a critical mass. And we're very close; the folks at the Oregonians For Renewable Energy group tell me that it's just around the corner. It would be heartbreaking to see the program stop at this critical juncture.

In terms of the broader issue, I feel Oregon can position itself even more effectively as a leader in renewable development, and think such progressive thinking will put Oregon in a place to be attract the investments and the people for the economy of tomorrow. While places like Oklahoma grapple to cling to the infrastructure and ideas of the dying fossil fuel economy, Oregon can jump out ahead and lead by action and success, if we have the courage and commitment to follow through on our principles with effective policy.

Thank you for considering!

Sincerely,

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