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Representative Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair
House Committee on Energy and Environment
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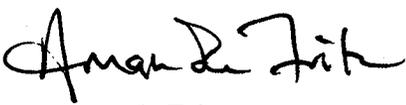
Dear Chair Vega Pederson and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland supports HB 4036, the Oregon Clean Electricity Plan. The legislation is consistent with Portland's longstanding priorities around carbon reduction and climate action, and the bill will put Portland General Electric and Pacific Power on track to achieve the electricity supply goals of Portland's Climate Action Plan. Eliminating coal from Oregon's electricity generation mix and continuing to add renewable energy resources delivers tremendous benefits to human and environmental health and economic prosperity. Portland strongly supports action to shift toward low-carbon energy sources and particularly welcomes the provision in HB 4036 to enable community solar and ensure opportunities for low-income customers.

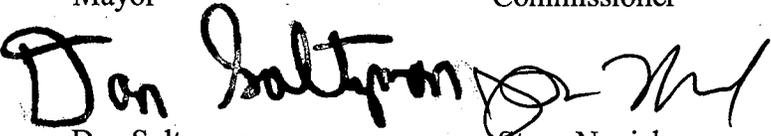
The bill could be further strengthened with the addition of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) and the Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA) proposed amendment to guarantee that a portion of the renewable energy projects would be built in Oregon. There is a place in HB 4036 for smaller, community-based Oregon projects that provide jobs and create renewable resource options. The diversity of renewable resource types and renewable energy developers is an important part of a healthy energy portfolio and is a welcome addition to HB 4036.

The Oregon Clean Electricity Plan is an important bill. Oregonians want to reduce their reliance on coal and to support renewable energy. They also expect at least a portion of that renewable energy to be developed in their own backyards, in their own communities. The City of Portland supports HB 4036 and respectfully encourages consideration of the AOC and CREA amendment.


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