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Senator Lee Beyer, Chair
Senate Business and Transportation Committee
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland writes to urge your support of House Bill 4036, the Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Act. The legislation is consistent with Portland's longstanding priorities around carbon reduction and climate action, and 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.

We strongly support action to shift toward low-carbon energy sources and particularly welcome the provision in HB 4036 to enable community solar and ensure opportunities for low-income customers.

Oregonians want to reduce their reliance on coal and to support renewable energy. They should not have to bear the cost of aging dirty coal plants. Oregon's actions, in concert with other Western states, can shift the market for energy in the whole region. HB 4146 is an important bill and we strongly encourage your support. Thank you for your work to protect Oregon's climate and economy.

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