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Pacific Power, Portland General Electric, consumer advocates and environmental organizations came together to develop a measured response, countering ballot initiatives calling for the elimination of coals based generation resources, in Oregon. House Bill 4036 doubles Oregon's Renewable Portfolio Standard through 2040 and phases out coals based generation resources by 2030, while balancing costs to consumers.

The Chamber of Medford /Jackson County supports the compromise agreement known as the "Oregon Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Plan." We believe that investing in renewable energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, while maintaining and protecting the affordability and reliability of the electric power service, is the right thing for Oregon.

Oregon legislators should see this as an opportunity to lead the way, with forward-looking energy policy, crafted by a diverse group of Oregonians. We urge our elected representatives to pass HB 4036 and put Oregon on a successful and sustainable path to the future.

Best regards,

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