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To whom it may concern:

I am writing today in support of HB 2681 - the extension of the Residential Energy Tax Credit. The RETC is a vital part of the residential solar industry. It allows lower payback periods for homeowners, and shows them that the State of Oregon is a leader in sustainable technologies and environmental stewardship.

The RETC has helped create a thriving industry. I work for a small, locally owned solar installer. The RETC has allowed us to grow significantly year over year, hiring both entry level positions along with experienced professionals. If the RETC is not extended we would be forced to layoff installers almost immediately — with significantly more cuts to follow.

Clean energy and sustainable technologies are vitally important for our economy, health and environment. Strong, stable support needs to be shown for these industries starting at the State level. The RETC can do this. An extension would ensure that businesses such as Imagine Energy can continue to invest money and create jobs here in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration,

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