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Dear Joint Tax Credit Committee:

I'm writing as a recent Portland State graduate now working in his field to ask you to support passing HB2681. Now I know the budget is very tight this year and I know this will be a bit of tough work to get a fair deal passed. Because no-one likes long emails I will just bullet point reasons why Oregon NEEDS solar;

1. They provide family wages to Oregonians. Our companies average pay is \$25 per hour.
2. Solar jobs are technical and will only increase Oregon's overall brainpower.
3. Solar jobs are steady and year round not only in the summer like Film Industry.
4. California is exporting their companies across the country because their market is supported by the state.
  1. Oregon is getting their now. Example; Elemental Energy has expanded to Idaho this year!
  2. More exportation of Oregon companies = more Oregon tax revenue.
5. Solar jobs provide healthcare and financial benefits.
6. Earthquake or terrorist attack on our electrical grid; Smart solar policy builds resiliency and keeps the lights on.

**Let's not kid ourselves.** Renewable energy is going to be the future if YOU like it or not. Now it's up to YOU to decide whether Oregon is can stay a strong and mature solar market in a period where solar is in its infancy or just allow Californian solar companies to suck money out of our state and others. Think about it this way, would you invest into a stock that will increase with 100% certainty providing you and your family with more? Of course, you would! That's solar!

Our current federal administration might not like solar, but people and companies like Warren Buffet, Elon Musk, Walmart, Costco, JPMorgan and 194 countries would strongly disagree. And let's really not kid ourselves, pollution is real, it's damaging, and we have only this one blue rock with one chance.

### **Fossil Fuels**

- Not infinite therefore not the future
- Increases \$, not decreases \$
- Causes environmental and human health problems.

### **Solar Energy**

- Infinite, therefore, it is the future
- Decreases electricity prices at a critical mass (it's free energy!)
- Causes severe farmer tans.

To conclude, you do you. However, if Oregon chooses not to support solar, I'm taking my knowledge and tax dollars to a state that does. Thank you for listening and best of luck with governing. I really admire government and respect your difficult work.

Sunny regards,

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