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Good day constituents.

I write to this committee to implore you to support and extend the RETC for solar (HB2681). My company employs ten well above average wage jobs, and we spend tens of thousands of dollars on other vendors within the state like Platt electric, SolarWorld and CED Greentech. Half of our employees have been hired and retrained from lost jobs during the last recession. Without the RETC being continued, it is very likely that a number of these employees will be back on unemployment, and in the same situation they were 5 years ago. Failing to extend the RETC may help our budget shortfall, but it will only shift the financial burden to other sectors like unemployment insurance. Moving money from one pocket to the other does nothing to support an industry that now employs hundreds of well paid workers in the state, combats climate change, and places Oregon at the top with other states as “leading by example”. We want to be the state that business want to come to *because of our policies, not despite them.*

Without the RETC, Oregon jobs are at risk, our climate is at risk, and our constituents ability to choose clean energy are at risk. PLEASE EXTEND THE RETC!

Sunny regards.

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