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Chairs Dembrow and Power, Vice Chairs Bentz and Brock Smith, and members of the Committee,

Premier Solar NW is a Portland-based solar installation company that services cities throughout northwest Oregon. We are a small company which installs both commercial and residential solar projects and helps families and businesses transition to clean energy and reduce their power bills.

Premier Solar NW urges support of HB 2020 to support renewable energy businesses across the state and to transition Oregon towards a clean energy future. The clean energy economy employs Oregonians with many different jobs which cannot be outsourced and directly benefit Oregon's economy. Clean economy jobs are growing at an 11% annual rate in Oregon- and more investment from the Clean Energy Jobs bill can raise hundreds of millions of dollars more to fund positions in companies like Premier Solar NW.

The Clean Energy Jobs bill will work because only big-time polluters will be the ones paying the price on pollution, and that money will go towards putting Oregonians to work, making renewable energy like solar available to more people. We are especially excited about the renewable energy job training programs that HB 2020 will bring to our state because renewable energy jobs are one of the fastest-growing job sectors in the country.

An equitable and just transition is necessary for the clean energy industry to thrive in Oregon, and HB 2020 supports growth opportunities for low-income and rural communities as well as training for Oregonians to work in renewable energy. Energy efficiency means reduced power bills- we see every day on the job that when folks save money on electricity, they will then invest that money back into their local economy.

Oregon is ready for this kind of change- and Oregonians are ready for clean energy, family-wage jobs in their state. As a solar company who sees the important impact these good jobs have on our employees, we are excited to support HB 2020.

This bill is a win for renewable energy businesses like Premier Solar NW, for the environment, and for Oregon's economy. We urge you to support HB 2020 for a clean energy future.

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