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Dear Oregon Legislature,

Thank you for your consideration in advancing Oregon's solar industry. The Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) is committed to fostering a healthy environment and a stable solar energy sector. We support the passage of HB 2618 which would maintain and increase the amount of community based solar benefits for all Oregonians.

The loss of previous state solar incentives froze progress across the industry and limited Oregonian's ability to access solar and the associated carbon and economic benefits. HB 2618 would enable BEF to support organizations across the State to develop community based solar projects that equitably build wealth and value.

Specifically, in rural Oregon we have partnered with a handful of rural electric cooperatives and People's Utility Districts to develop solar projects increasing the energy savings, community resilience, and equitable solar access. These community solar projects have been popular with our utility partners and their customers, and HB 2618 will enable these rural communities to develop more of these impactful projects.

We look forward to working with the State and our partners to develop and implement project models that support development of renewables that benefit underserved communities and Oregonians of all incomes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Evan Ramsey'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Evan' and last name 'Ramsey' clearly distinguishable.

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