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I'm writing in support of HB 2618. I've proudly worked in the Oregon solar industry going on 10 years, selling solar panels to Oregon solar installers and distributors. The state was on a good trajectory creating jobs in the state with the RETC program and making solar affordable to homeowners. Since the expiration of the RETC, the industry went into a downward spiral losing all the great jobs the state created.

Oregon can fix it, just as Nevada did when they lost 90% of the solar jobs overnight because of bad policy. The legislature fixed it and the solar jobs are returning. Solar is popular in Red States and Blue States alike. In fact, over 86% of Americans support solar.

This bill will bring back good jobs, give choice to consumers and lower electric bills for families.