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City of Seattle Office of Sustainability & Environment
CleanTech Alliance
Climate Smart Missoula
Climate Solutions
Community Action Center of Whitman County
Community Action Partnership Assoc. of Idaho
Community Action Partnership of Oregon
Earth and Spirit Council
Earth Ministry
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
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Energy Trust of Oregon
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Environment Oregon
Environment Washington
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Green Energy Institute at Lewis & Clark Law School
Homes for Good
Home Performance Guild of Oregon
Human Resources Council, District XI
Idaho Clean Energy Association
Idaho Conservation League
Idaho Rivers United
League of Women Voters Idaho
League of Women Voters Oregon
League of Women Voters Washington
Montana Audubon
Montana Environmental Information Center
Montana Renewable Energy Association
Montana River Action
Multnomah County Office of Sustainability
National Center for Appropriate Technology
National Grid
Natural Resources Defense Council
New Buildings Institute
Northern Plains Resource Council
Northwest EcoBuilding Guild
Northwest Energy Efficiency Council
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OneEnergy Renewables
Opportunities Industrialization Center of WA
Opportunity Council
Oracle
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board
Oregon Energy Fund
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association
Pacific Energy Innovation Association
Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters
Portland General Electric
Puget Sound Advocates for Retired Action
Puget Sound Cooperative Credit Union
Renewable Northwest
Save Our *wild* Salmon
Seattle City Light
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Sierra Club
Sierra Club, Idaho Chapter
Sierra Club, Montana Chapter
Sierra Club, Washington Chapter
Small Business Utility Advocates
Smart Grid Northwest
Snake River Alliance
Snohomish County PUD
Solar Installers of Washington
Solar Oregon
Solar Washington
South Central Community Action Partnership
Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency
Spark Northwest
Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners
Sustainable Connections
The Climate Trust
The Energy Project
Transition Missoula
UCONS, LLC
Union Of Concerned Scientists
United Steelworkers of America, District 12
Washington Environmental Council
Washington Local Energy Alliance
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility
Washington State Community Action Partnership
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NW Energy Coalition
for a clean and affordable energy future

February 28, 2019

Chair Helm and Members of the House Energy &
Environment Committee

Oregon State Capitol Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2618

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the NW Energy Coalition, I am writing to express our support for HB 2618, which will provide rebates to encourage the installation of distributed solar systems for homeowners and businesses throughout Oregon.

The NW Energy Coalition is an alliance of about 100 environmental, civic and human service organizations, progressive utilities and businesses in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. We promote development of renewable energy and energy conservation, consumer protection, low-income energy assistance, and fish and wildlife restoration on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

In addition to the generation of clean energy, which saves electric system investments in large fossil fuel generating plants and the carbon emissions that go along with them, distributed solar provides numerous other benefits to the state. Among those benefits are better resiliency to Oregon households and businesses in the event of storms and other

natural disasters and clean energy jobs and related economic development. We need to aggressively pursue all forms of clean energy generation to meet our societal goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants. HB 2618 will reinvigorate the small-scale solar industry, which has diminished somewhat over the last year or so, to bring the above stated benefits to Oregonians. We urge you to support HB 2618.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W Gerlitz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy Gerlitz
Policy Director