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Representative Helm, Chairman of the House Energy
and Environment Committee

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Honorable Rep. Helm, et al.;

This letter supports passage of HB 2857.

As a land owner in the Lacombe Irrigation District (rural Linn County) for the past 22 years, it's apparent how important the hydro powerhouse is to the financial health of the District and to this rural economy.

A 1MW h hydropower plant, commissioned in 1987, leverages irrigation infrastructure and enables the District to be a year-round steward of a sustainable, low impact, carbon-free, natural resource.

HB 2857 amends ORS 469A and 758 in reasonable steps, restoring momentum to local energy development and self sufficiency in those parts of Oregon omitted from recent economic expansion.

HB 2857 is a conservative bill that provides predictable guidance to the power market and to qualifying generators who can deliver cost effective, sustainable, distributed, electricity for the next generation.

As a rural Oregonian, I urge for the passage of HB 2857.

Sincerely,

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