



March 26, 2019

Representative Ken Helm, Chair and Members
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support of HB 2857 and Small-Scale Renewable Energy Facilities

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

TLS Capital supports the passage of HB 2857 and appreciates the opportunity to support this important bill.

TLS Capital is a developer the types of projects contemplated within HB 2857. I am the principal owner of TLS Capital and a lifelong Oregonian. We are a small local business with the majority of our business in Oregon and have been working on the development of small scale solar projects mostly in the one to four megawatt range in Oregon for about the last six years. We complete the site development, permitting, power purchase agreement, interconnection agreement, etc., and then either sell the development rights or construct the facilities ourselves. Given our size and the utilities hostility toward non-utility ownership, there is no way we could construct these beneficial and cost effective projects without the legal and regulatory framework created by PURPA and refined by HB 2857.

Small-scale renewable projects are not just an important piece of the current Renewable Power Standards, but they are also important for future generations. My 10-year daughter, who is a 8th generation Oregonian, deserves to live in a state where we strive to make it as clean as it was for the generations before her. Encouraging the development of locally based small-scale renewable projects is one tangible step that we can make in or to accomplish this.

Thank you.

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