

April 2, 2019

Representative Ken Helm, Chair House Committee on Energy and Environment Oregon State Capitol Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2322

Chair Helm and Members of the Committee,

We write in support of **HB 2322**. We strongly support development of renewable energy in Oregon to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and enable Oregon to eliminate dirty coal and natural gas from its energy mix. This bill supports this goal by adding renewable energy to be considered and supported Oregon's land use planning goals.

Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate practical and profitable solutions to global warming. For more than 15 years, Climate Solutions has been working to implement energy efficiency, renewable energy, and carbon reduction policies that demonstrate that clean energy and broadly shared economic prosperity go hand-in-hand.

HB 2322 is an important bill to align Oregon's greenhouse gas reduction goals and policies with its land use planning system. It is a long overdue correction to the land use planning system and will better support the development of renewable energy projects around the state.

We urge you to support HB 2322. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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