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Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Natural Resources
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Taylor and Reardon, and members of the committee:

A&R Solar is an Oregon small business based in Portland. We have 18 employees and install solar and battery backup systems throughout the state. We have a complete Oregon-based solar installation sales, project management, roof tech, and electrician team. We are a B Corp and an employee-owned company.

We participated in the Solar + Storage rebate program in 2020 and strongly encourage this committee to renew funding for this important jobs and energy resilience program. The projects supported by the rebate program helped keep our business going and our employees working during a time of severe economic uncertainty.

A&R Solar completed dozens of projects around the state, here are a few examples:

- A home in Milwaukie, Oregon. This customer has a home-based business and needs to have power to keep his company going.
- A home in Christmas Valley, Oregon. This customer was notified by Pacific Power that their service would be curtailed during the fire season. He now has solar plus storage to keep himself going.
- A home in Brookings, Oregon – This customer experienced periodic outages in their Coos Curry Electric Coop and wanted disaster resilience. Solar plus storage will help them out.
- A home at NE 74th and NE Everett in Portland, Oregon

A&R Solar strongly supports the Oregon Department of Energy's request for \$3 million to re-fund the Solar+Storage rebate program. The first year of the program, only \$1.5 million was available for rebate, and that amount was fully requested in the first six months of the program.

We would like to continue helping our customers go solar and save money on their energy bills, as well as keeping our employees working through the pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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