Dear Committee Chairs Beyer and McLain, and Vice-Chairs Boquist and Noble:

I am writing to encourage your support of HB 2165 A as an important step in promoting the electrification of Oregon's transportation system (in order to reduce harmful greenhouse and gases), and to do so while taking steps to leave no-one behind during that process. The components of the bill that provide rebates both for new and for used EVs are important elements for speeding up the uptake of personal electric vehicles, but even so the barriers to making this transition are higher for communities of lower or medium income residents especially if they are renters and not homeowners and therefore don't have access to at-home charging. This bill recognizes these barriers are real, and provides resources to help develop electrification infrastructure everywhere, but also ensures we do not leave disproportionately affected communities behind. Please support this bill.

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