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House Committee on Energy and Environment  
900 Court St. NE, Room 453  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: SB 333 – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Marsh and members of the committee,

Thank you for your consideration of this joint testimony on behalf of Solar Oregon and the Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA) in support of SB 333. Solar Oregon is a nonprofit that has been educating communities across the state on the value of solar energy for over four decades, and OSSIA represents all facets of the solar industry in Oregon.

SB 333 would study and assess pathways for Oregon to meet its critical decarbonization goals by facilitating the production and use of renewable hydrogen. Renewable hydrogen production and use enable Oregon to reduce curtailment of surplus solar power, and to dispatch renewable energy when it is most needed to support reliability and resiliency. In short, it allows the state to utilize its existing and future solar, wind, and marine energy resources more effectively. This is good for solar consumers, the solar industry, and the wider electric grid.

It is our hope that the study conducted by the state explore both the opportunities for renewable hydrogen production in Oregon, as well as any potential impacts on low-income communities and communities of color. Section (2) of amendment ‘-4’ of SB 333--adopted on March 19th--specifies the study of “barriers” to renewable hydrogen production, which we understand is meant to include social barriers and impacts, especially for marginalized communities.

For these reasons mentioned above, we ask for your support of SB 333.

Respectfully,

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