



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

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

Sunbridge Solar is a local small business that serves Oregon customers looking to add solar and battery storage to their homes and businesses. We have 14 employees and install solar in many parts of Oregon with a range of about 200 miles around the Portland metro area. We have been in business since 2010 and strive to deliver great installations and service to our customers.

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. This incentive helped low income homeowners as well as retired families on fixed incomes without tax liability to invest in solar. Further, the projects supported by the rebate program helped keep our business going and our employees working during a time of severe economic uncertainty.

Sunbridge Solar completed about 15 of these projects around the state, here are a few examples:

- A low-income home in Milwaukie, Oregon that would not have been able to afford the system without the solar plus storage rebate.
- A home in Molalla, Oregon. This solar system also includes battery storage, providing the home with back-up power during outages. During a recent outage in February the batteries were able to keep food in the freezers filled with meat cold and prevented them from spoilage.

Sunbridge 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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