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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2816

Chair Marsh, Co-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee –

My name is Linda Ganzini and I have lived in Oregon since 1961. My husband, Ron Heintz, and I currently live in Lake Oswego.

We strongly support passage of HB 2816 with the amendments the proposers developed. We are beginning to see many negative, even catastrophic, effects of climate change and we are worried about our children's future. It is an all-hands-on-deck moment and every emitting industry must reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Data centers and crypto-currency companies with high-energy needs must comply with HB 2021. This loophole needs to be closed. Their presence in Oregon is a positive for our economy, however, we will be an attractive place for them even if they are complying with our clean energy goals—we will still be able to offer them advantaged energy costs, tax benefits and undersea data cable access. Their high energy needs must be planned for and integrated into our overall clean energy plans. Many have their own clean energy goals, and we need to make sure they stick to them. Building boutique new fossil fuel infrastructure that will last for decades works against everyone's interests. It just doesn't make sense.

Most of these companies are excellent clean energy partners and already have goals for doing better than the HB 2021 phase-in goals. HB 2816 will not affect these companies' plans for how they meet their energy demands, and the administrative requirements for confirming compliance are not unduly burdensome.

Please support HB 2816 and thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

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