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To those working and deciding on HB 3179:

It is critically important to pass this bill to allow Oregon to become more energy independent. As a mechanical engineer I am always amazed that engineering is not the main obstacle in renewable energy project development. It is the permitting process that creates the many hurdles and uncertainty. Let Oregon be the example in our country of how to create a fair and more certain renewable permitting paths. Passing HB 3179 is one step in the right direction.

Oregonian landowners are keen to work with renewable energy developers as many landowners are looking for new income streams to keep their land and make their farming operations more stable with a renewable component. Renewables and agriculture can coexist, but we cannot get there until we ease the permitting process and barriers to development. HB 3179 helps support Oregonian farmers and landowners to keep their land in their families and to reduce farming operation risks.

Best,

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