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I offer testimony in favor of HB 2613. The fact that the ZEIF is already all but exhausted is indicative of the quick uptake of electric cars in Oregon. We need to do all we can sustain this momentum. Transportation accounts for 40% of Oregon's GHG emissions, and the lion's share of that comes from passenger car tailpipes. We need to especially support the Charge Ahead Rebate that helps lower-income car buyers at a higher dollar amount, as they are often most dependent on car transport to and from work and are also least able to afford the transition to electric. HB 2613 will ensure that at least for the time being this critical support for broad adoption of electric vehicles is sustained and can meet escalating demand. We're on the road to freedom from fossil fuels; let's not take us off of it for lack of commitment and support.