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Gustavo J. Cruz, Jr.
Commission Chair

House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Marcelino J. Alvarez
Commissioner

William Myers
Commissioner

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Levy and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

Michi Slick
Commissioner

On behalf of [Prosper Portland](#), the economic and urban development agency for the City of Portland, I am writing to express our support for House Bill 4112. This legislation will support the growth of a thriving and inclusive clean energy manufacturing sector in Oregon by instituting a fund for clean technology businesses providing family wage or high wage jobs, establishing an Oregon Clean Technology Leadership Advisory Council, and directing the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to consider a clean energy company's employment plan when procuring products or services.

Serena Stoudamire Wesley
Commissioner

Carmen Rubio
Commissioner,
City of Portland

Kimberly Branam
Executive Director

For over a decade, Prosper Portland has actively supported the clean technology industry through the [We Build Green Cities Initiative](#). Our recently adopted five-year [Advance Portland strategy](#) not only identifies clean technology as a priority industry within our Green Cities cluster but also applies a two-fold climate and equity lens throughout the strategy. We are witnessing a once-in-a-generation investment by the federal government to support clean tech manufacturing while Oregon residents experience the worsening impacts of the climate crisis. The federal government has intentionally linked addressing climate change with economic development opportunities, and we feel Oregon should follow that lead.

As investment in clean technology has increased, so has the clean technology company recruitment and expansion activity in communities nationwide. Oregon has not been a recent recipient of investment, as shown in this [map of Inflation Reduction Act clean technology investments from the U.S. Department of Energy](#). With strong state support, and with the guidance of an Advisory Council, Oregon can become a leader in clean technology manufacturing, grow family wage jobs while also addressing the climate crisis. There is tremendous potential to expand clean tech manufacturing in Oregon. We encourage you to support this industry by voting yes on HB 4112.

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Thank you,

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