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Chair Lively
House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

Climate Solutions recognizes the important role net metering has played in Oregon's clean energy economy, and we thank the Committee for taking up HB 2656. Climate Solutions is a clean energy nonprofit organization working to accelerate solutions to the climate crisis. The Northwest has emerged as a hub of climate action, and Climate Solutions is at the center of the movement as a catalyst and advocate.

Net metering is a key part of Oregon's clean energy transition. As we work diligently to decarbonize our state, and to meet the ambitious goals set in HB 2021, net metering will continue to be a critical tool. Net metering rules must be strengthened for this resource to provide maximum value to our state and to utility customers who opt into the program.

Net metering provides multiple benefits. Homeowners and businesses provide the capital for solar installations and realize an economic benefit from the energy generated. Meanwhile, benefits also accrue to the utility from reduced load, which is particularly important as we enter into periods of summer peak load events. While net metered customers receive bill savings, all utility customers see a benefit as net metering reduces the need to transport electricity over long distances, freeing up space on the grid, and ensuring system reliability.

HB 2656 is a reasonable measure that ensures the maximization of net metering as an important energy resource, and a key part of our clean energy future.

Sincerely,

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