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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3628

Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy and Members of the Committee

I am writing in support of HR 3628 to create a public body to fund, build, upgrade, own and carry out transmission projects. As Oregon looks to generate clean energy to meet the demand for electricity from both growth and preferred power sources we need to have reliable transmission. As detractors of clean energy point out, the sun does not always shine and the wind does not always blow. That is not a reason to abandon clean energy but it is a complication that needs to be resolved by modernizing our transmission grid. Another consideration is the risk of igniting a wildfire from damaged transmission lines. When those dry windy conditions exist I want transmission to be interrupted to avoid fires. It's one of the reasons I have back up batteries in my home. It would be nice if a new and improved transmission grid that would further reduce this risk.

I also support HR 3628 because it contains a sunset clause. We need an energetic boost for these projects and we need to then incorporate into day to day operations.

Please vote YES on HR 3528 and establish the Oregon Electric Transmission Authority.