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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3546

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Britney VanCitters and I live in SE Portland. I am writing in support of HB 3546 because corporations need to pay their fair share for their energy usage and be held accountable for their impacts on our energy grid.

This is about fairness. Data centers are adding millions of dollars each year in energy costs. The increase in demand for energy from data centers has coincided with skyrocketing utility rates for Oregon households and small businesses. Oregon families and small businesses are already struggling, and cannot continue to bear the burden of these data centers' needs, nor should they have to.

The Protect Oregonians With Energy Responsibility (POWER) Act, HB 3546, will ensure that utility costs can be tracked and billed appropriately to data centers by creating a new customer category for large users with our for-profit electricity providers. The POWER Act protects Oregon families and small businesses from paying for data center-specific costs when these new users are connected to the energy grid and when they add new costs to the system in the future.

Please hold large energy users accountable to paying their fair share by voting YES on HB 3546.

Thank you,
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