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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3546

Honorable Committee Chair Lively, Co-chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,

I am a retired person who strongly supports HB 3546, the POWER Act, for reasons that overlap: fairness, accountability and planning.

- It is inherently unfair to burden Oregon families and small businesses to subsidize huge data centers including cryptocurrency. We need to hold data centers accountable for their energy use. When large energy users don't pay their share, small businesses, working people and our most vulnerable residents are forced to make up the difference. We should not have to subsidize large, for-profit, energy-intensive data centers.

- The POWER Act would create a new customer category for large for-profit companies that consume huge amounts of electricity. Oregon should be able to track their energy use and ensure that they pay for it by requiring them to sign contracts that last for 10 or more years. This should bring greater predictability and stability for businesses and small consumers.

Please vote for HB 3546 to strengthen Oregon's energy grid for everyone.

Thank you.