

Submitter: Lynda Martin-McCormick
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3546

Dear Committee Members:

Hello my name is Lynda Martin-McCormick, and I live in House District 42. I am 75 years old. I live alone in a house at 728 SE 55th Avenue in Portland. My electric bill has increased 45% since this time in 2022, or 3 years ago. I support the POWER Act, HB 3546 because I worry that the large expansion and energy demand from data centers may have fiscal effects on my own bills as a residential customer.

I also thank the legislators who want to rebalance the responsibility for paying for expansions in energy needs so that businesses that are large energy users are paying their fair share. I ask the committee to support this bill. Oregonians are struggling with energy affordability throughout the state, and we need to take any opportunity to make sure residential customers are not paying excessive energy costs, especially if the demand is coming from large load users like data centers.

Thank you.