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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3546

House Committee on Climate, Energy & Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

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RE: HB 3546 (POWER Act) - SUPPORT

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

I am Dr. Theodora Tsongas. I am a member of the Healthy Climate Action Team of Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility. I am writing in support of HB 3546. Oregonians are facing rising utility costs, in part due to the rapidly growing energy demands of data centers and other big tech operations. These facilities consume massive amounts of electricity, straining our grid and driving up energy costs—while not paying their fair share.

The Protecting Oregonians With Energy Responsibility (POWER) Act (HB 3546) will ensure that data centers and other large energy users contribute fairly to grid infrastructure and energy costs. Oregon families, small businesses, the elderly and people on fixed income are already struggling. We should not be footing the bill for giant corporations. Please support the POWER Act (HB3546). Thank you for your time and attention.