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On Behalf Of: Lake Oswego Sustainability Network
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Even during these challenging times, it is critical that we continue on our path to reduce greenhouse gasses and switch to green energy in Oregon. Ultimately that will create savings, new jobs, more resiliency and a better environment for ourselves and our children.

The Lake Oswego Sustainability Network is a non-profit organization promoting a green future in our city of Lake Oswego, Oregon. Thousands of local citizens are involved in our activities and receive regular mailings and other types of outreach from our group. We know from surveys that climate change and sustainability are key concerns for local residents. Each year we choose legislative priorities.

We urge you to pass the following bills:

Environmental aspects of the omnibus transportation package -- including investments in safe transit, save routes to school, and vehicle electrification
Energy affordability and Utility Accountability (HB 3081, LC 1547) -- Helping consumers to navigate energy efficiency options, and ensuring that large energy users like data centers do not unfairly burden Oregon households
HB 2961 -- EV ready expansion, Increases the percentage of electrical service capacity for charging electric vehicles or charging stations
HB 3681 -- Make permitting for new transmission lines simpler -- we need these to enable new sources of clean energy
HB 3512 -- Phase out added PFAS in line with what other states have already done, including for firefighting foam, artificial turf, cleaning products, carpets and rugs, cookware, cosmetics, dental floss, fabric treatments, packaging, juvenile products, menstrual products, refrigerators, textiles, apparel and ski wax.

It is incredibly important that legislatures continue their commitment to a cleaner, safer society. Now is not the time to shrink back, but to move forward. All of these bills provide common sense ways to make our future safer and cleaner, to save consumers money. They are well thought through and practical. I urge you to support these bills.

Sincerely,

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