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Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and Members of the House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment,

I'm submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 3422, which adds a criterion to the standards that the Energy Facility Siting Council must find for the council to take an exception to an applicable statewide planning goal for a proposed energy facility.

Oregon needs to do better when dealing with the siting of large solar industrial facilities. I've been shocked on how many I've seen being approved on what's considered prime farmland. I hope the legislature is paying attention to all the demands that have been slammed on farmland in the last 10 years. It's unsustainable. Please make this small change, to seek an alternative site, to reduce the chances of energy facilities being sited on prime farm land.

I wish there was more consideration in regards to how hard it is for wildlife and other things to try to work around these monstrosities and loss of habitat. Maybe someday people will care about that.

Thanks for your consideration,

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