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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3681

Senate Energy and Environmental Committee,

HB 3681 is a true climate bill in that it removes regulatory roadblocks and permitting duplications in clean energy and electrical power plants and transmission lines. The bill's passage will have direct and immediate effects on reducing GHG emissions and augmenting sustainable energy applications.

Electricity demand is expected to increase by 30% in Oregon over the next decade but we are not building new infrastructure to keep pace. Streamlining regulations will enable faster and simpler transmission planning.

The continuous burning of fossil fuels is leading to climate change and global warming and there is a limited time to reduce carbon dioxide levels to 350 ppm and keeping global temperatures at 1.5 degrees centigrade. Now is the time to build out clean energy infrastructure in order to secure a habitable environment for future generations.

I urge you to vote for HB 3681.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and your consideration.

James