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House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Support for HB 4061

Dear Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chairs Isadore and Skarlatos, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Rebecca Smith, and I serve as the Senior Director of Policy and Education for the Renewable Hydrogen Alliance (RHA). RHA is a regional non-profit trade association enabling access to safe, affordable, and renewable hydrogen for communities across the Pacific Northwest. Our 80+ members represent the full value chain of the hydrogen ecosystem – hydrogen technology and service providers, equipment manufacturers, project developers, public transit agencies, labor unions, utilities, and many others. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 4061 on behalf of RHA and its members.

The hydrogen industry relies on specialized equipment imported from Asia and Europe and has been disproportionately impacted by tariffs. These increased costs directly impact Oregon's ability to achieve state energy goals. For example, customer costs for a new hydrogen fuel cell truck manufactured in South Korea increased 25 percent due to tariffs.

Many of Oregon's trade partners, including South Korea, Japan, the United Kingdom, and Denmark, have globally leading hydrogen and clean energy companies that should be encouraged to develop business in Oregon.

Here in Oregon, we have a robust clean energy ecosystem, with hydrogen-adjacent manufacturing, including Daimler's development of liquid hydrogen trucks, Intel's use of hydrogen in manufacturing semiconductors, and NXTClean Fuels' forthcoming sustainable aviation fuel and renewable diesel facility in Columbia County. Exploring hydrogen industry trade export and import opportunities as part of the unified trade strategy will help Oregon capitalize on its early progress in developing a hydrogen economy and in attracting and retaining new businesses related to hydrogen.

Thank you for your consideration,



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