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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for HB 4031. I write in SUPPORT of the bill.

I am Professor (emeritus) of Chemistry at Portland State University and author of the climate change science/policy text for laypersons titled From Knowledge to Power, which has been widely circulated in Oregon.

I concur with the testimonies offered above by Oregon Environmental Council and Climate Solutions. Oregon citizens, who suffer the increasingly severe impacts of climate change, and Oregon's solar and wind firms, whose efforts are central to remaking the state's energy economy, are both under assault by a hostile federal administration that prioritizes ideology over science and is indifferent to the consequences of global warming. Imminent cancellation of the tax breaks for solar and wind farms is just one manifestation of their agenda. This bill attempts to provide some relief by exempting projects from EFSC review over a short time frame, designed to allow our businesses the opportunity to still capture the benefits of President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act.

It is heartening to see this bill emerging from Chair Lively's committee. I would note that it is a priority of Governor Kotek to stimulate Oregon's business sector - and this bill does exactly that.

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