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Today I'm here to give testimony in support of House Bill 4080, a bill to create a path forward in Oregon for a new and beneficial solar technology—plug in balcony solar.

People in my community are incredibly excited about the opportunity to utilize balcony solar. People are excited because it offers an affordable, easy-to-install, and portable way for Oregonians to generate their own renewable energy. These plug in systems cost significantly less than rooftop setups, often pay for themselves in 4–5 years, and do not require complex, permanent installation.

Unlike traditional rooftop solar, plug-in balcony solar has the potential to allow more Oregonians access to participating in and benefiting from a green energy transition. Traditional rooftop solar can cost tens of thousands of dollars. This level of investment is a barrier for many families, where as balcony systems range from \$400 to \$2000 dollars.

There are also immediate energy savings for consumers once the product is installed. While smaller than rooftop systems, balcony solar can effectively offset daily consumption and reduce utility bills—something we know many Oregonians are interested in. This personalized energy generation will also lower peak energy demand pressure on our broader electrical system.

I want to recognize the great work of Rep. Finger-McDonald who has put the safety of Oregonians first as a primary consideration for this bill. This bill does not immediately declare balcony solar products to be ready for purchase and installation in Oregon. House Bill 4080 creates a path forward for this green energy technology in Oregon by ensuring it is introduced through established safety pathways governed by nationally recognized standards. The bill preserves worker safety, consumer protection and regulatory authority.

Committee members, I encourage you to support HB 4080 as a step forward towards small, consumer driven energy solutions. Thank you.

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