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Honorable Chair Lively and Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 4080. I own a 98 year old home, and like many homeowners, I have installed equipment like energy efficient windows, insulation, and heat pump technology to reduce energy consumption and electricity bills. I have a spot for “balcony solar” and it’s far more affordable than a large rooftop solar system. As you know the impact of the 2025 ice storm in central Oregon was severe, I definitely lean toward investing in balcony solar as back up for future occasions when a blackout may occur.

I think reducing code and other barriers to balcony solar installation is a smart move for our state. Please pass HB 4080.

Sincerely,

Rick Varnum