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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and
Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4144

Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy and Members of the Committee,

I write in strong support of HB 4144 for safe battery collection and recycling.

This bill is needed to address battery-caused fires that put garbage and recycling workers, and the general public at risk of fire, toxic fumes and potential environmental contamination.

Living in Jackson County outside Medford, and having evacuated during the wind-driven Almeda Fire, I'm especially mindful that much of Oregon is wildfire-prone, and we need to do all we can to prevent unnecessary fires. I believe it's also important that we humans be responsible for cleaning up after ourselves, and protect our lands, waters and natural processes on which we depend. This bill will help.

Thank you for your consideration.

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