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On Behalf Of: Rogue Climate in Oregon
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4080
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re: HB4080 Balcony Solar

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,

I support Oregon's 'plug in and play' legislation because it will address our large population of residential renters who have historically been locked out of the solar market.

The benefit of Bill HB4080 is that it allows small plug-in solar systems to connect directly to household outlets by reclassifying them as appliances, removing utility interconnection and permitting requirements.

Testing firm UL Solutions on Jan. 8 announced a certification program for plug-in solar systems. The program ensures that plug-in solar products don't pose shock or fire hazards by overloading a home's circuits.

Proponents of the bill state that balcony solar can reduce a household's average electricity use by up to 20%. Estimated annual savings for a typical California household reach approximately \$450 or about \$37.50 per month.

Similar technology is already utilized in Europe. Germany reports over four million installed balcony solar units. Utah passed legislation allowing these systems prior to the Oregon introduction.

We urge your support.

Sincerely,

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