



February 5, 2026

House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: Support for HB 4080

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

Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis.

We support HB 4080 as a reasonable step to address rising utility bills, while supporting clean energy solutions.

Today, Oregonians are struggling to afford the rising cost of energy. These rising utility costs make our communities less resilient in the face of the worsening climate driven extreme weather and disasters. At the same time, Oregonians want to be a part of the clean energy transition. However, they are often barred from taking steps to lower their bills and reduce their pollution by high upfront costs, bureaucratic barriers, or because they are renters.

HB 4080 with -4 amendments simply allows plug in solar devices to be installed without complicated utility interconnection barriers, once the systems are approved by national and state safety processes. The introduced bill would have also protected tenants and homeowners in HOAs from overbroad restrictions on the installation of these systems. Climate Solutions supports these steps to allow more Oregonians to access these technologies, once they are deemed safe for individuals to install themselves.

HB 4080 is a measured but meaningful step to make solutions available to more Oregonians. Solutions that can reduce bills and provide households with opportunities to participate in the green energy economy.

Sincerely,

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