



House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
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Dear Chair Lively, Vice-chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee,

Solar Oregon is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that has worked to encourage solar and storage adoption throughout Oregon since 1979. We do this by providing reliable and impartial consumer education workshops, working to build the clean energy community, and performing community outreach. We also serve our state by hosting solar tours, Solarize campaigns, and expert panel discussions on a range of topics related to solar.

Solar Oregon supports the concept of increasing solar access and the focus of HB 4080 to make plug-in solar/balcony solar available to Oregonians. The rising energy rates in our state and across the nation are a major concern for community members that we meet while attending educational events and providing solar workshops in Oregon. There is a continued interest in solar, but the upfront cost of solar, energy policies, and barriers to homeownership can make it difficult for some Oregonians to access residential solar.

Plug-in solar/balcony solar could provide a more affordable way for Oregonians to access solar power. While plug-in solar/balcony solar is not a new technology in Europe, Utah just passed balcony solar legislation last year. We can use a similar approach as Utah that requires UL-certified components and adheres to NEC standards to address safety concerns. The plug-in solar/balcony solar system should also have clear instructions and an accessible implementation process to ensure proper installation that is easy for consumers.

For these reasons mentioned above, we ask for your support of HB 4080.

Sincerely,

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