



February 18, 2026

Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Brock-Smith, and members of the committee:

My name is Megan Quintrell, writing in support of HB 4029 on behalf of the Consumer Alliance of Oregon (CAO), a statewide coalition of community-based organizations, nonprofits, and national consumer advocates. Our alliance works together to protect consumers and advance fair, transparent, and pro-consumer policies—especially for communities that have been most harmed by predatory practices.

The CAO recognizes the collaborative efforts of the solar industry, consumer advocates, utility groups, and other essential stakeholders to develop robust legislation that protects Oregon consumers when they choose to purchase or lease a solar system.

The protections in HB 4029 strengthen Oregon's broader consumer protection framework by promoting transparency at the point of sale and requiring detailed, standardized disclosures of total system costs. This includes dealer fees paid to lenders, financing terms, and realistic saving estimates provided to consumers.

HB 4029 also helps safeguard consumers from deceptive bad actors who often come from out of state to make quick sales. **The contract provisions help ensure consumers work with qualified professionals and establish clear enforcement pathways when problems arise.** The bill's rescission rights, cancellation protections, and upfront disclosures of long-term obligations provide consumers with the time and information necessary to make fully informed decisions about significant financial investments.

The Consumer Alliance of Oregon believes in a marketplace where fairness, transparency, and accountability are the norm—not the exception. HB 4029 moves Oregon closer to that vision by ensuring that the transition to clean energy does not come at the expense of consumer rights. For these reasons, and on behalf of community-based organizations across the state, we strongly urge your support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Members of the Consumer Alliance of Oregon

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| Bienestar | Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon | Suma |
| Centro Cultural | (MESO) | Oregon Just Transition Alliance |
| DevNW | NAYA Action Fund | SEIU |
| Oregon Consumer Justice | Oregon Consumer League | Neighborhood Partnerships |
| Disability Rights Oregon | Oregon Health Equity Alliance | Coalition of Communities of Color |
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| | Age+ | United States of Care |