

March 2, 2015

Chair Jessica Vega-Pederson, House Committee on Energy and Environment: Re: HB 2745 and HB 2941-1

I am writing to offer my complete support for HB 2645 and HB 2941-1. We are a thriving small design/build solar contractor in Southern Oregon, established in 2007. Over the course of the original Solar Feed-In Tariff program, or Oregon Solar Incentive Program (OSIP), our business and our community has benefited tremendously. Here is the breakdown of OSIP jobs our company installed over the past four years:

• 2011 OSIP Installations: 233 kW (85% of our installations)

• 2012 OSIP Installations: 88 kW (66% of our installations)

2013 OSIP Installations: 75 kW (48% of our installations)

2014 OSIP Installations: 132 kW (29% of our installations)



100kW Grid-Tied Tracker OSIP Installation, 2011.







Klamath County is a low density area of Oregon with a high unemployment rate. According to the Oregon Employment Department in November 2014, the Oregon unemployment rate was 7.0% and the Klamath County unemployment rate was 9.7%. We have played an important role in providing jobs in our economically depressed area. We currently employ nine individuals on a permanent basis, and have generally averaged ten employees over the course of the past four years.

There are many benefits for our state that will be achieved through HB 2745 and HB 2941-1. You will be hearing today from many individuals and businesses regarding the details of those benefits. Thank you for the opportunity to give you a glimpse of the benefits the original pilot program provided to our company, our employees and our community.

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Sincerely,

Eric and Alison Andrews

Owners, EcoSolar and Electric



