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**TO:** Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
Members, Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

**FR:** Rikki Seguin, Policy Director, Renewable Northwest

**RE:** Support for SB 38

Dear Chair Dembrow:

Renewable Northwest is a regional, non-profit renewable energy advocacy organization based in Oregon, dedicated to the responsible development of renewable energy resources throughout the Pacific Northwest. Our members are a combination of renewable energy businesses and environmental and consumer groups. **Renewable Northwest supports SB 38.**

Renewable Northwest was an active participant in the Oregon Department of Energy (“ODOE”) rulemaking in 2016 on the topic of renewable energy certificates issued for generation of thermal energy (“thermal RECs”).

SB 38 delivers on the outcome of that rulemaking, clarifying that thermal RECs can be used in the same manner as renewable energy certificates (“RECs”) from qualifying renewable energy generation for the purposes of compliance with the Renewable Portfolio Standard.

The bill language reflects the agreement in the rulemaking and is a technical fix. For this reason, Renewable Northwest supports SB 38.

Sincerely,

Rikki Seguin  
Policy Director  
Renewable Northwest