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February 27, 2019

The Honorable Ken Helm
Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE, H490
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: OREGON HOUSE BILL 2329

As the Commander of the Northwest Training Range Complex, I understand the importance of early stakeholder coordination with proposed renewable energy projects in support of compatible air and land uses. We have worked with renewable energy and industry stakeholders and the State to foster early notification of projects that are located in and around critical military training areas in Oregon. Through the successful implementation of this process at the State level, we have been able to achieve mutually agreeable project footprints that foster economic development while sustaining military assets and ensure the viability of training areas for our aircrew.

We recognize that the land use authority resides with the counties and State for the permitting of renewable energy. I ask that you continue to prioritize early notification for military authorities for proposed projects in military training areas. This will bolster the mutually beneficial coexistence of military training and renewable energy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input from the Navy as you consider HB 2329 and other bills concerning clean energy development in Oregon. The Navy values its partnerships that help ensure early stakeholder coordination between the developer, permitting agency, and military.

My point of contact for this project is: Ms. Kimberly Peacher, cell (360) 930-4085 or email Kimberly.peacher@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. L. ARNY", is written over a horizontal line.

M. L. ARNY
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer