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Representative Ken Helm
Chair, House Energy & Environment Committee
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Dear Representative Helm:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Prineville in support of HB 2857. Renewable energy development has been a significant part of economic development in Crook County. As a member of the Community Renewable Energy Association we support development of renewable energy development of all project sizes and types of resources defined as renewable under Oregon law.

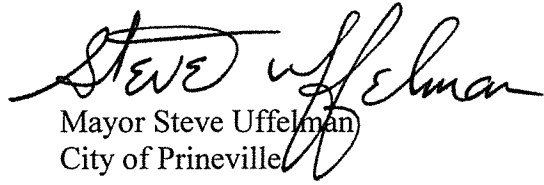
HB 2857 makes several much needed clarifications in Oregon's law in insure that previous legislation in implemented as intended and assures a continued positive climate for development of smaller community based resources in Oregon. These include:

- Changes the 8% standard from electrical capacity to electrical energy sold. The legislature, we believe erroneously, moved from an energy sold to an energy capacity standard. AR 622, the recent rulemaking at the OPUC has demonstrated the problems with that change. Reverting back to an energy sold approach is easier to understand and measure, and is commensurate with Oregon's broader renewable energy portfolio standard.
- Requires utilities acquire the renewable energy certificates (RECs) associated with the power purchased from these community based projects. Compliance with a renewable energy law should not be allowed with energy that isn't considered renewable.
- Calls for the utilities to take actions now toward compliance with the 2025 deadline. We don't want to wait until 2025 to see the local benefits of these projects.
- Promotes low impact hydro projects such as those advocated by Oregon's Irrigation Districts.
- Better assures payments made by the investor owned utilities to project developers is fair, reasonable, and in accordance with the intent of the federal PURPA law without causing harm to ratepayers.

We appreciate you support of HB 2857.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "STEVE Uffelman". The word "STEVE" is in all caps and written in a bold, slightly slanted cursive style. "Uffelman" is written in a more fluid, lowercase cursive script.

Mayor Steve Uffelman
City of Prineville

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