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Chair Dembrow and members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 928. With one exception, I strongly support the bill.

I am an independent public interest advocate with more than 40 years of policy experience in climate and clean energy, including nearly 5 years in the late 1980s as Executive Director of the Solar Energy Association of Oregon.

I request that you amend Senate Bill 928 to change the name of the proposed new state agency from "Oregon Climate Authority" to "Oregon Climate and Clean Energy Authority."

The words we use matter. Subsuming ODOE's diverse energy policy mission under a climate umbrella materially diminishes the myriad environmental, economic and national security benefits of clean energy, which extend far beyond climate. It is imperative that Oregon state government operates with a clear legislative mandate to achieve the fullest possible range of clean energy benefits.

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