



April 14, 2021

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici
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Re: Testimony for Joint Committee On Ways and Means, Meeting 4/14/2021 5:30 PM

Representative Bonamici:

I am writing on the topic of how the Committee can help guide the Legislature should balance the state budget and use federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

I am the Sales Manager for A&R Solar with offices in Tualatin with 24 FTE in the state, 8 of whom live in District 1, including myself. Over the past 5 years we have installed over 350 residential solar projects in Oregon, with about 121 in District 1 alone. We have also installed 16 commercial projects in District 1. Together this represents about \$12M of construction activity in District 1.

Renewable energy projects such as solar provide many benefits: utility customer savings, grid resiliency, reduction in greenhouse gases, and well-paid, full time jobs.

I am asking you to continue to fund the Solar+Storage rebate program with at least \$3M as ODOE has requested. During the initial funding phase in 2019 we completed 27 projects that would not have happened without this funding.

I am also asking to fund community energy projects for critical facilities and public buildings that need to be more energy resilient during emergencies. Please fund ODOE to provide grants for these energy resilience projects.

Thank you.

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