

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Brock Smith, Vice Chair Helm and members of the Committee,

My name is Cameron Langley, I live in Coos Bay, and I am unemployed but I take care of my family while my mother works at Bay Area Hospital and my stepfather works at 7 Devils. I'm not necessarily affiliated with any organization that would matter to my writing of this, but I am passionate about my environment and community, especially those in my community with lower income. We are in an age where technology, and with it, electricity, are required to live decently in society. Everything from school to jobs to entertainment to basic things like the ability to cook, clean, or regulate temperatures requires power, and thus means power should be as accessible to people as possible.

In a more just world, I would imagine we'd provide electricity to everybody as a right, but with energy in the hands of large energy companies, the least we can do is make it more affordable for those on lower incomes. HB 2475, which I support, helps Oregonians afford their energy bills through lower rates for the residential ratepayers with lower incomes who most need the relief. This means that folks already struggling won't have to pay as much for such a basic thing like electricity and will have more money to help them with other things in their life. I'm asking you to support this bill and help lower income Oregonians out. Nobody should be without power in the 21st Century just because it's too expensive.

Thank you Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Brock Smith, Vice Chair Helm and members of the Committee for supporting Energy Affordability, HB 2475.

Sincerely,
Cameron Langley