



Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Natural Resources
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

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Dear Co-Chairs Taylor and Reardon and members of the committee,

Neil Kelly is a family owned business who has been in Portland for 74 years. We have 12 employees in our solar division and install solar throughout half of the State.

We participated in the Solar + Storage rebate program in 2020 and strongly encourage this committee to renew funding for this important jobs and energy resilience program. The projects supported by the rebate program helped keep our business going and our employees working during a time of severe economic uncertainty.

Neil Kelly completed dozens of projects around the state, here are a few examples:

- A home near NE 42nd and NE Couch, Portland, Oregon. A 9.8KW system that is very likely to have not gone forward without the rebate.
- A low-income home on N. Lombard St, Portland, Oregon. This project has not been built yet, but the client is going to be cash flow positive on this project from day 1 with the extra rebates and the right loan.

Neil Kelly strongly supports the Oregon Department of Energy's request for \$3 million to re-fund the Solar+Storage rebate program. The first year of the program, only \$1.5 million was available for rebate, and that amount was fully requested in the first six months of the program.

We would like to continue helping our customers go solar and save money on their energy bills, as well as keeping our employees working through the pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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