

Chair Representative Marsh, Vice-Chairs Representatives Levy and Levy, and members of the House Committee on CEE:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2816. This bill will ensure that high energy use facilities in Oregon will comply with the emissions reduction schedule set out by the Legislature in 2021 for the usual electrical generating businesses. This levels the requirements to apply to all.

In this time of unprecedented heat waves, drought, forest die-off, species loss, loss of crops, and increased disease outbreaks all attributable to the effects of rising levels of methane and CO₂, we cannot afford to allow any large corporations to exercise a loophole to use dirty fuels to generate energy.

HB 2816 is a reasonable way to further protect our precious and fragile environment, without undue demands on the mega-corporations that run these operations.

For the sake of our children and grandchildren, I urge you to vote in favor of HB 2816.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues,

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