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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2816

Chair Marsh, Co-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee –

I am writing in support of HB2816 (as amended) requiring operators of high-energy use facilities, such as data centers, to comply with the clean energy regulations of the 100% clean energy bill (HB 2021).

Most technology companies are already voluntarily committing to a clean energy future, with a few notable exceptions. HB2816 will simply level the playing field by requiring all facility operators to adopt the best practices of forward-looking technology companies.

High-tech data centers are a welcome addition to Oregon's economy, as long as they use 100% clean energy and water-conserving technologies. HB2816 does not create a barrier to data centers in Oregon, particularly with ready availability of clean alternatives to meet a facility's energy requirements. That's clear, since many tech companies are already following a clean energy path.

HB2816 will ensure that all tech companies meet Oregon's clean energy targets by following industry best practices. Please advance HB2016 in the 2023 session.

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