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Chair Marsh
House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 3418

Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

Distributed resources will be crucial for meeting Oregon's clean energy and decarbonization goals. HB 3418 would extend a successful program that has fostered the construction of residential solar and storage in our state. We support this measure. Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis.

The residential solar and storage rebate program is important for several reasons:

1. Solar and storage enables homeowners to generate pollution-free and lower cost clean energy to power their homes and, increasingly, their vehicles as well.
2. The program helps ensure solar installers keep working in good paying jobs putting solar and storage on rooftops, especially in our rural communities. These projects generate lower energy bills through on-site renewable energy and much more resiliency in the face of wildfires and other threats to steady electric power in rural communities.
3. Residential solar and storage, as a distributed resource, helps relieve some of the pressure on the land base from development of utility-scale renewable energy facilities. We need a mix of both distributed and utility-scale resources to meet our clean energy goals.
4. The solar and storage rebate program provides resiliency benefits and home-grown clean energy access for homes across Oregon regardless of income level.

For all these reasons, we urge your support for HB 3418.

Sincerely,

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