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

Re: SB5518

To: Co-chairs Frederick and Levy, and members of the committee

I am the General Manager of the Oregon Clean Power Cooperative. For the past decade we have been financing solar and battery projects for Oregon schools, churches, nonprofits and local governments.

A number of those projects would not have been possible without the Oregon Solar Plus Storage Rebate Program.

For example, we helped the Warm Springs Community Action Team put solar on their building. The Warm Springs Community Action Team is a tribal nonprofit that is doing amazing work helping members of the Confederated Tribes get mortgages, receive job training, and achieve financial independence. The Rebate was essential to the financing of that project.

The Old Mill Center in Corvallis serves more than 2,000 low-income children and their families each year. We covered their roof in solar panels, significantly reducing their electric bill. That's money that can now go towards services for those kids. The Solar Plus Storage Rebate was a key part of the financing for that project.

If you refund the rebate, I guarantee we will put that money to good use for Oregon nonprofits that help low-income residents of our state.

Thank you.

Dan Orzech
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Oregon Clean Power Cooperative.