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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3628

Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

To meet Oregon's 100% clean electricity mandate, serve our growing economy, and create resiliency on our grid, Oregon must address our transmission bottleneck. We need transmission solutions that protect ratepayers and keep Oregon's electricity system resilient and reliable.

We urge your support on the following policies to bolster transmission capacity and reliably and affordably deliver clean energy to Oregonians:

Grid Enhancing Technologies (HB 3336): Expands transmission capacity by requiring utilities to deploy cost-effective technologies to existing infrastructure.

Oregon Transmission Authority (HB 3628): Addresses permitting and investment gaps of transmission buildout by establishing a Transmission Authority to support innovative financing and coordinated planning.

By helping expand and modernize Oregon's transmission capacity, these policies will help meet growing energy demands, increase resilience to severe weather events, and deliver the benefits of new renewable generation sources to ratepayers.

Together, these policies will help meet growing energy demands without compromising affordability. We respectfully urge your support on HB 3336 and HB HB 3628.