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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for SB 92. I write in SUPPORT of the bill.

I am Professor (emeritus) of Chemistry at Portland State University and author of the climate change science/policy text for laypersons titled From Knowledge to Power, which has been widely circulated in Oregon.

This bill is necessary to ensure that the limitations in Oregon's present community solar program don't prevent the further expansion of this important approach to achieving a healthy climate. Community solar is important because it allows Oregon residents who do not own single-family homes to obtain more of their energy needs from solar power.

By expanding community solar capacity a small amount each year, this bill takes a workable, common sense approach to expanding community solar that is consistent with other constraints and policies that govern our electricity grid. Studies have shown that community solar decreases the electricity bills of consumers who subscribe. This is especially important for low-income ratepayers, who get to save money while helping Oregon reach a clean energy future.

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