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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3546

Dear Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment

When large energy users don't pay their share, they add millions of dollars each year in energy costs, causing our utilities companies to invest money in meeting the demand.

With the increased demand for energy from data centers, we have also seen electricity prices skyrocket for household utility bills.

HB 3546, The Power Act, will protect Oregonians' Energy Bills by ensuring that utility costs can be tracked and billed appropriately to data centers.

HB 3546 protects families and small businesses from paying for data center-specific costs when these new users are connected to the energy grid and when they add new costs to the system in the future.

HB 3546 makes data centers pay their fair share of energy costs by allowing regulators to assign costs that only benefit one type of customer.

HB 3546 ensures that expensive data-center-caused utility investments are continually paid for by data centers by requiring signed utility contracts for at least 10 years.

HB 3546 will protect our energy systems as well as keep them affordable.

HB 3546, The POWER Act, ensures that utilities can plan for how to reliably provide electricity to everyone by requiring data centers to commit to paying for minimum energy use and fines for excess energy use.

Please support HB 3546.

Sincerely,
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