

House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

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Dear Chair Lively, Vice-chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,

The Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA) is a trade association founded in 1981 to promote clean, renewable, solar technologies. OSSIA members include businesses, non-profit groups, and other solar and storage industry stakeholders. We provide a unified voice of the solar industry and focus exclusively on the solar and storage value chains; from workforce development to permitting, advocacy, policy, and regulation for manufacturing, residential, commercial, community, and utility scale solar and storage projects on the local, state, and regional level.

OSSIA urges this committee to pass HB 3087 OSSIA. The bill creates a corporate or income tax credit for eligible electricity generators to offset the costs of transmission services. Oregon has a unique opportunity to take advantage of federal incentives for clean energy development. The Inflation Reduction Act has already generated billions in investment across the country. HB 3087 positions the state to encourage IRA investment in Oregon which will bring economic benefits, jobs, and property tax revenue to our state. Transmission costs can be expensive in Oregon due the federal transmission system and the transmission systems of individual utilities.

HB 3087 encourages energy projects to be built in Oregon so that Oregon can reap the benefits of those projects through the increased property taxes paid to counties, the clean energy delivered to Oregonians, and the construction jobs during development.

OSSIA urges passage of the HB 3087.

Sincerely,

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