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House Bill 3247

Dear Chair Representative Lively, Vice-Chairs Representatives Gamba and Levy, and members of the Committee:

Finally, some forward thinking legislators have thought to put a stop to Oregon's continuing placement of the cart before the horse.

Since the frantic effort to "go green" overtook most thinking in the legislature over the last several years, with closures and curtailing of any energy source that even had a bare whiff of petroleum or, the dreaded (drum roll) carbon to it, few have thought to implement a bill such as HB 3247 to maintain Oregon's supply of energy during any such transition. Before we even know whether or not it is a viable course to set.

HB 3247 is simply a practical way to ensure Oregon does not continue to shoot itself in the foot regarding just how our future energy needs are going to be met. There is not a shadow of a doubt Oregon's energy needs are and will continue to increase into the foreseeable future.

Passing HB 3247 is a smart move, it gives us the time we need to actually evaluate the course we've so far been on. We need to slow down and take more time to weigh the consequences of what we're doing. We need to pay more attention the physics and less to wishful thinking.

More and more people are coming to see that trying to replace so-called "fossil fuels" with sunshine and windy days is not working out as advertised. Those are important words "as advertised". We need to get the horse back in from of the cart. HB 3247 helps to do just that.

Thank you,
Richard Wisner