

March 5, 2025

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

Dear Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition, an all-volunteer grassroots organization representing 450 residents in our Community, strongly supports House Bill 3546, the Protecting Oregonians With Energy Responsibility (POWER) Act.

The exorbitant use of energy by Data Centers and other large energy users threatens to place an undue financial burden on everyday Oregonians as well as putting a strain on the energy grid. The POWER Act is a step forward in ensuring that these large energy users will pay their fair share of energy costs and keep energy affordable for our citizens.

In addition, the POWER Act allows the Public Utility Commission to place the additional future costs on these Data Centers where they belong. We strongly urge you to support the passage of House Bill 3546 for the benefit of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Stuart Liebowitz on behalf of the Board of the Douglas County Global Warming Coalition.

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