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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3681, a critical piece of legislation that will significantly enhance Oregon's energy reliability and ensure our state's ability to meet the growing demands of our communities and businesses.

HB 3681 is essential to complete the comprehensive transmission package initiated during this legislative session, complementing HB 3336, which promotes Grid Enhancing Technologies, and HB 3628, which establishes the Oregon Electric Transmission Authority. Together, these bills form a vital framework for safeguarding Oregonians from potential power crises in the years ahead.

Without the crucial improvements and expedited processes outlined in HB 3681, Oregon's energy delivery system will struggle to keep pace with the rapidly increasing demands of consumers and businesses. This legislation addresses the urgent need to modernize our transmission infrastructure, ensuring that we can reliably deliver the energy needed to power our homes, schools, and industries.

Specifically, HB 3681 streamlines and simplifies outdated regulations that currently impede and delay the development of new energy transmission projects. This is particularly critical in light of the exponential growth in energy demand driven by development and emerging technologies like artificial intelligence. The strain these advancements place on our existing energy systems necessitates swift and decisive action to prevent system failures.

HB 3681 represents a significant step forward in improving energy reliability for all Oregonians, both in the immediate and long-term future. By removing unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles and accelerating the development of essential transmission infrastructure, we can ensure a more resilient and dependable energy future for our state.

I urge you to support HB 3681 and prioritize upgrading Oregon's energy transmission infrastructure. It is time to act and ensure a reliable energy future for all Oregonians.

Thank you.