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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3681

I am a retired professional engineer, and I strongly support HB 3681 because it is an important step forward to improving energy reliability in both the near and longer term for all Oregonians.

This bill speeds up and simplifies existing rules which delay and prevent new energy transmission creation in Oregon. With the exponentially increasing demand for energy that development and AI technology are loading on existing energy systems, we need speedy improvement to prevent system failure.

It rounds out the essential policies and tools brought forward in this session's special transmission package including HB 3336 – Grid Enhancing Technologies and HB 3628 – Oregon Electric Transmission Authority. All 3 bills are essential to prevent power crises in Oregon during the years to come.

Please pass HB 3681 out of your committee as soon as possible.

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