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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3681

I strongly support HB 3681, which aims to streamline the permitting process for essential transmission line development.

I believe climate change is a global emergency and Oregon should do its part. The increasing frequency of extreme weather events in Oregon highlights the urgency of transitioning to a resilient, clean energy grid. To that end, electrification of our energy systems is critical. Moving energy from offshore wind turbines and remote solar PV farms to places of use is paramount to this effort. Improving our electrical transmission system is a major part of that push towards greater electrification and move away from fossil fuels.

Oregon's ambitious renewable energy goals are hindered by the slow pace of transmission line development. A modernized grid will enhance Oregon's energy security and reduce reliance on volatile fossil fuel markets.

I urge you to pass HB 3681 to ensure Oregon can meet its climate goals and build a resilient, clean energy future for all.