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

Subject: HB 3681 - Support

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Michael Mitton and I organize with Mobilizing Climate Action Together (MCAT), a group of experienced volunteers working to advance a healthy climate and a successful green economy for future generations.

This legislation is essential to update Oregon's regulations for siting clean energy generation and the transmission lines necessary to bring the power to where it's needed. Current environmental regulations were written to mostly safeguard against pollution from centralized coal and gas generating plants and are now hampering efforts to bring new clean energy online.

HB 3681 is the result of tireless efforts over 18 months by Rep Gamba and a large group of stakeholders that he assembled consisting of utilities, government agencies, tribes, consumers and others. The bill will improve Oregon's chances for meeting its climate goals like those embodied in HB 2021's clean energy mandates that ramp up to 100% by 2040. It helps streamline regulations for building new facilities by shortening the EFSC process and certain appeals. These and other no-nonsense reforms in the bill will save time and money yet still provide the appropriate oversight for environmental and other issues.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment and urge the committee to support HB 3681.

Sincerely,

Michael Mitton

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