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Honorable Representative Gamba

We need to modernize the grid, and this is a tangible step towards improvement. There is an increased need to have interactive demand responsive technologies available to support our communities. BPA is a leader in the generation of hydropower and is now able to export energy from surplus wind, solar and hydro. We need systemic investments to this end.

I strongly support HB 3681, which will remove barriers and speed up the addition of new transmission lines in Oregon.

I support the updates to the grid that will allow us to increase the use of electricity and offer alternatives to fossil fuels. In my community, I am actively in the organization LOSN, which is promoting actions on the part of individual citizens and business owners.

“Electrify LO” promotes the use of clean energy rather than fossil fuels. Lake Oswego is a leader in electric vehicle use, and local homeowners are switching to heat pumps and induction stoves. In order to meet the state’s climate goals and to switch to renewable energy, we need additional transmission. We need to connect solar and wind farms to homes and businesses in the Valley, which will then allow citizens to use clean energy to power their electric cars and appliances.