



House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment  
Oregon State Capitol  
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**Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,**

My name is **Shaun Franks**, and I am the **Sales and Marketing Coordinator** at **True South Solar**. I am writing to express my strong support for **HB 3747**, which would create a **refundable solar and storage tax credit**, making solar energy more accessible to Oregonians of all income levels.

My journey in solar began in **2010**, when **Southern Oregon University (SOU)** sent me to **Germany** to study renewable energy. Inspired by what I learned, I returned to campus determined to expand solar power at SOU. Unsure where to start, I sought guidance from my Environmental Science professor, who gave me a key piece of advice: *"Funding is the biggest barrier—everyone agrees solar is a good idea, but the upfront cost is a challenge."*

Taking that to heart, I created **the SOU Green Fund**, which empowered students to develop dozens of solar projects on campus. Through this experience, I saw firsthand how **good policy** defines problems, implements solutions, and fosters **active citizenship**. I also learned that **financial support is crucial** in making renewable energy a reality.

That is why **HB 3747** is so important. A **refundable** solar and storage tax credit would **reduce financial barriers** for homeowners, enabling more people to access the benefits of clean energy and energy resilience. Energy policy plays a crucial role in **Oregon's long-term sustainability**, and we must continue to support renewable energy while providing real solutions to rising energy costs and climate uncertainty.

A **consistent and refundable tax credit** would offer **greater certainty** to homeowners and businesses, ensuring that **more Oregonians** can transition to solar while strengthening **local jobs** and **economic stability**.

Please support HB 3747. It will give Oregonians greater access to clean energy, reduce financial barriers to solar adoption, and strengthen local jobs. This bill provides a real solution for homeowners seeking energy resilience and affordability in the face of rising utility costs and climate uncertainty.

Sincerely,  
**Shaun Franks**  
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