



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 Reeves Clippard, Chief Strategic Officer of A&R Solar. We are an employee owned and operated solar contractor, servicing most of Oregon with an office in Tualatin. We help homeowners, schools, public and private buildings, and tribal entities adopt clean local distributed energy.

I'm here to support HB 3747 to create a solar tax credit. This tax credit is refundable, so would be available to homeowners of any income level. Having financial incentives is important to our customers in order for them to afford going solar. It's been challenging for customers to understand what financial assistance is available year-to-year, since the state Solar + Storage Rebate Program keeps running out of funds and the availability of federal tax credits is uncertain.

We call our industry the solarcoaster because we're never sure what dip or hill or loop we're going to have to face next. That kind of uncertainty makes it hard to invest for growth, hire permanent positions, and give our existing employees long-term career pathways. Having a solar tax credit would give more predictability to state solar incentives.

Having a solar tax credit is also important for small solar companies like A&R Solar. It was difficult for our customers and our business, when state rebate funds ran out last year. The lack of funding made budgeting difficult to be able to sustain the backbone of our company, the employees.

Please support the creation of a solar tax credit, to give both customers the certainty needed to choose clean energy. and small businesses the ability to plan for their employees. A refundable solar tax credit will help Oregon families who can't afford the recent utility rate hikes to have solar as an alternative solution.

Sincerely,

Reeves Clippard
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