House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
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Dear Chair Lively, Vice-chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,

The Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA) is a trade association founded in 1981 to promote clean, renewable, solar technologies. OSSIA members include businesses, non-profit groups, and other solar and storage industry stakeholders. We provide a unified voice of the solar industry and focus exclusively on the solar and storage value chains; from workforce development to permitting, advocacy, policy, and regulation for manufacturing, residential, commercial, community, and utility scale solar and storage projects on the local, state and regional level.

OSSIA strongly supports HB 3747, which would create a solar energy tax credit for Oregonians of all income levels. During this time of increasing rates and power outages, Oregonians need support to go solar and reduce their electric bills and increase their resiliency.

A solar tax credit has worked in the past in Oregon and can work again. Tax credits – especially ones like HB 3747 that are refundable, and therefore are available to all income levels – give solar customers and the solar industry the certainty they need. Solar customers want to know that funding will be available to support their solar and storage purchases and solar companies need the certainty for their business planning.

This year is a critical year for state solar incentives since federal tax credits are uncertain. Should the federal tax credit end, solar installation would see a dramatic reduction, resulting in job loss to Oregon small businesses. A solar energy credit will be extremely important to customers around Oregon, who want to save money on their bills and be energy independent, and for Oregon's solar companies, who create Oregon jobs.

Sincerely,

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