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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1034

Dear Chair, Vice Chairs, and members of the Committee,

I am a landowner in Sherman and Wasco counties. My family and I have signed contracts with two energy companies that are attempting to develop two large solar and wind projects involving both counties. I oppose Oregon SB 1034 because I believe it would be a threat to ultimately getting a project sited on our property. The vague language in the bill as to exactly how a county would implement the bill could lead to much controversy and division within the counties.

My family has lived on and worked the land in both Sherman and Wasco counties for 5 generations and the 6th generation is in training. We have always taken pride in working our land in a sustainable and conservative manner and perceive alternative energy to be consistent with that endeavor.

There are already sufficient rules and regulations for siting projects. We do not need more unnecessary and cumbersome procedures to frustrate the development of the much needed alternative energy. I believe this committee should act in concert with DOGE and vote against the SB 1034. SB 1034 would only add to the inefficiency of getting projects done.

SB 1034 would encourage waste, fraud and corruption. This is exactly what our government is trying to eliminate. As a property owner, I am astounded that we are considering a bill that would be an assault to my property rights. Private property rights are one of the corner stones of our democracy. Please vote against this bill and help preserve the private property rights of individuals.

If our society is going to continue to grow and prosper, we need more energy. These sparsely populated, wind blown, sun soaked lands that are adjacent to the transmission lines that can transport and disperse the energy to where it is needed are the ideal location for the alternative energy projects.

Please vote against SB 1034.

Sincerely,

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