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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3681

Dear Chair Sollman,

I am writing in support of HB 3681.

As you know, the effects of the climate crisis have arrived at our doors here in Oregon in terms of drought, fires, imperiled species, fish die-offs and more.

We need clean, renewable energy now and our grid needs to be upgraded quickly to meet soaring demand as we transition off legacy, polluting fossil fuels. We must enact policy that can fast-track permitting for clean power plants and transmission infrastructure.

Electricity demand is projected to increase by 30% in Oregon over the next decade, but we are not building new grid infrastructure fast enough to keep pace.

Streamlining regulations will enable faster and simpler transmission planning.

This really matters because climate change is accelerating, and we have only limited time to build out clean energy infrastructure. Please support HB 3681.

Thank you.