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To Whom It May Concern,

IBEW Local 48 is excited to watch as we enter into Oregon's Clean Energy Economy. To date we have trained 1900 electricians in solar power, 600 people in wind energy and are also heavily involved in energy efficiency. We have also been involved in training workers with a focus on women and minorities for careers that are well paid, provide health care and pensions. We have our own training school that is independently funded, and we have been doing business in Oregon for 100 years. Oregon's Business Energy Tax Credit ("BETC") has helped bring more jobs to our members and contractors as well introducing new systems for producing energy.

As Oregon transitions into a more energy independent state, we are right there working with ODOE and Industry Partners. We look forward to working on exciting projects like electrical vehicle plug-in stations, new light rail and street car systems, and hopefully soon a smart grid.

Cutting or eliminating the BETC will restrict our ability to work on new projects and add jobs at a time when construction projects have already slowed. We are already seeing projects put on hold due to the uncertainty of the BETC which means less income for our members.

While we support revisions to the BETC that will ensure accountability and maximum return on Oregon's tax dollars, we caution against revisions that would stunt Oregon's green sector growth and hurt our workers.

Sincerely,

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