**STRONG LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT IS NEEDED**

Legislative support is required to achieve Governor Brown’s Oregon Climate Agenda, Oregon’s Renewable Portfolio Standard of 50% and a thriving solar industry. It is estimated that Oregon can achieve over 10% of our energy mix from solar in the near future. Good solar policy will be a key factor in achieving a smooth transition to a clean energy future, a skilled and stable solar workforce, as well as grid and community resiliency in the face of natural disasters.

**RESIDENTIAL**
- Residential solar increases awareness of daily energy usage as it offsets home energy load. Other benefits include:
  - Reduces energy bills
  - Increases freedom to choose energy source
  - Supports local jobs
  - When paired with battery storage, creates resilience from natural disasters

**COMMERCIAL**
- Commercial solar hedges against electricity price volatility and inflation. Other benefits include:
  - Improves brand recognition and shows commitment to a sustainable future
  - Employee pride and satisfaction
  - Reduces costs plus benefits listed in residential solar

**COMMUNITY**
- Community solar enables access to solar generation for customers unable to install solar due to property ownership or siting constraints. Other benefits include:
  - Ensures equitable opportunity for participation across customer type
  - Requires 10% of program capacity to serve low-income customers

**UTILITY**
- Utility solar is critical for reaching economies of scale and providing low cost solar power. Other benefits include:
  - Faster impact on carbon reduction from more MegaWatt’s installed
  - When paired with battery storage, adds value to the grid
  - Dual Use projects integrate solar energy and sustainable agriculture

**Rebates encourage investment in solar and battery storage**

**Enforce the 1.5% set aside for green energy on public buildings**

**Community solar needs to be accessible to all Oregonians, not just IOUs**

**Land use policy needs to protect farms and encourage renewable energy**

**STRONG POLICY SUPPORTS A THRIVING SOLAR INDUSTRY IN OREGON**