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RE: Exempting solar PV installations from historic design review at 8/31/2011 meeting

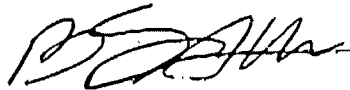
Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing about the proposed changes to the zoning code, exempting solar installations from historic design review, which the council is considering on August 31st. If the proposed amendment doesn't take effect until October 7th, I will very likely lose my spot in Oregon's solar feed-in-tariff program because my deadline is October 15th and it would be impossible to obtain a permit and install a fully operational system in eight days.

I have spoken with Kara Fioravanti and Jessica Richman about my situation, and they are exploring the possibility with others of giving this amendment emergency status, becoming effective on September 2, 2011 and giving me enough time to take part in this exciting program. I would be incredibly grateful for this change. I have been pursuing a solar installation for over a year and was recently frustrated and surprised to learn that I am in a conservation district.

I can't express to you how blessed and happy I am to live in a city so supportive of sustainable practices.

Sincerely,



Bryan Allan