

Dear House Committee on Housing,

As a pediatrician, I know the importance of secure housing for health. So I urge you to pass HB 2842, as it would particularly affect the health of low-income Oregonians.

Adults, as well as children have fewer sick days. Because it would support better respiratory health, Oregon would have less of a burden in its health care system

The patients I worked with for decades in north Portland could rarely afford those expensive home energy retrofits. Renters rarely can get their landlords to do them.

Good insulation would reduce carbon footprints, and monthly energy bills would benefit both the rich, and the poor. Oregon could get closer to 100 percent renewable energy. And retrofitting would created new jobs for our stagnant economy.

Thank you,

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