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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the Senate Energy & Environment Committee,

My name is Brian Ettling, and I am a renter living in outer NE Portland. For 25 years, I was a seasonal park ranger at Crater Lake National Park. Sadly, I saw the impacts on climate change at this international treasure with the annual average snowpack diminishing and the fire season in the summer becoming more intense. While living in Portland for the past 6 years, I saw the smoke from the fire season get worse, as well as the summer heat and winter cold temperatures become more extremely.

Therefore, I strongly support the Building Resilience bills SB 868, 869, 870, and 871. These bills will help homeowners and renters like me with climate resilience with more insulation, sturdier windows and doors and transitioning to clean electricity for heating and cooking. This will help lower the utility bills for homeowners and renters, like me, to reduce their utility costs and making their homes healthier. Healthier homes mean safer communities and a more livable future for young Oregonians. It is also vital to reduce our utility costs for Oregonians and make our buildings healthier that we build smart from the start with stronger building codes, reduce the utility costs for health for large commercial buildings and state & local government buildings.

Thank you for allowing me to share these thoughts with you.

Brian Ettling