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

My name is Stuart Liebowitz and I am with the Douglas County Global Warming Coalition out of Roseburg. Representing approximately 500 residents in rural Douglas County, we fully support Senate Bill 869. Because buildings account for the second largest amount of carbon emissions in Oregon, significantly updating Oregon's base building codes for new construction is a critical component to meeting our State's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

The benefits of enacting this legislation cut across all demographics. However, we in rural Douglas County, who have had a disproportionately higher percentage of low income households will particularly enjoy the economic benefits that will accrue from the resulting lower energy costs.

As we look back on what previous generations put in place for us and how we have been the beneficiaries of their vision and foresight, so we in turn must embrace that obligation for those who follow us.

Ensuring new construction standards that help address the climate crisis is one way of establishing our own climate legacy.

We, thus, strongly urge you to support Senate Bill 869.

Sincerely,

Stuart Liebowitz on behalf of the Board of the Douglas County Global Warming Coalition.

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