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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: SB1518

Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Findley and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 1518 to create a Reach Code in the state building code. Oregon's municipalities should have the option to require more higher energy efficiency for new construction. This is an important measure towards reducing families' utility costs, creating healthier buildings and addressing climate change. It's vital that we take this action now, given that newly constructed buildings will be part of the housing and commercial real estate stock for many years in the future. With SB 1518, municipalities will be empowered to take action on their building codes as the see fit.

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