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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4058

Subject: HB 4058 Public Testimony in Support

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Hudson, Brock Smith, and members of the Committee;

Please strongly support HB 4058 Relating to Heat Relief, Declaring an Emergency.

HB 4058 amends the Healthy Homes Act (passed last session) to provide heat pumps.

Heat pumps are a win for everyone. They are far cheaper to install and operate than a methane-fired furnace plus an air conditioner and a huge energy savings. Gas subsidies will be going away making methane more and more costly.

The most vulnerable and least advantaged in our society should not be stuck with the most unhealthy, costly and most dangerous energy source. HB 4058 will help provide the safest, cheapest, healthiest option. We all care about the destruction of the world we leave to future generations but the least advantaged are less capable of helping preserve our planet.

Promoting heat pumps decreases the use of fossil fuels which causes of climate change. Expanding use of electricity over methane is congruent with state climate goals and steps necessary to prevent the acceleration of future prolonged hot weather. My daughter-in-law's family lost a home in the 2020 Oregon fires.