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Regarding HB 2475, H 2165 and other bills

As a resident of Portland, Oregon, I am very concerned about the issue of climate change. I write in support of legislation before the Energy Committee to promote, facilitate, and (in some cases) require improvements in energy efficiency and electrification that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce long-term environmental and economic costs. In addition to the overall potentially catastrophic impacts of climate change, the costs to Oregon's economy and way of life were demonstrated by last summer's devastating wildfires. Our way and quality of life, health and wellbeing are at stake – along with the beauty of our lands and waters. Your committee will play a critical role in providing a legislative framework to move Oregon into a better, more sustainable energy future. Despite all of our other issues – this one cannot wait and I support moving as quickly as possible. I also encourage you to work closely with industry and businesses that are willing to move toward a better energy future to minimize economic harms and assist dislocated workers.

In summary: I support allowing electric companies to collect and spend funds to support transportation electrification. The transportation sector is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and most important to address (HB 2165).

We also need to make sure those that are already struggling to afford their energy bills, especially at this time, are protected (HB 2475).

In addition I support efforts to improve energy efficiency including reasonable building code requirements to include electrical service capacity (HB 2180) and technically achievable energy efficiency standards for appliances (HB 2062).

Thank you for your work on these critical matters,

Lori C. Williams