

To the Members of the Consumer Protection and
Government Effectiveness Committee

I am writing you today to ask each and every one of you to support House Bill 2599 (Buckley-Holvey), which would establish a moratorium barring power companies from shutting off utilities from October 1st through March 31st. I ask that you amend it to include all Oregonians whose incomes are 200% of the poverty line or less.

As director of the Ashland Food Angels I work closely with both organizations and individuals who help those people in Southern Oregon who live at or below the poverty line. I know that people often have to choose between paying utilities and buying food and that having utilities shut off can put people at risk.

Please imagine your child or your mother in such a situation. At heart we all want to do the humane thing, so I trust you to listen to your heart and put people over profits.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Pamala Joy

PAMALA Joy,
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Registered Non-profit helping those
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