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RE: Support for HB 2681

For over 40 years I have run a small business in Salem helping homeowners to use energy more efficiently by installing insulation, replacing windows, sealing heat ducts, installing ductless heating systems and more. One of the most essential tools that I have is the Residential Energy Tax Credit. The RETC:

- Motivates landlords to make improvements that reduce tenant's heating costs
- Allows lower income homeowners to make much needed energy saving investments
- Brings the most efficient energy technologies to the Oregon market
- Keeps Total Comfort's 25+ employees working full time & year round
- Improves Oregon's economy and environment at the same time by encouraging investment in upgrades that:
 - create jobs now
 - save homeowners on energy costs over time
 - reduce the need for new energy production
 - reduce pollution

Without the RETC many renters and homeowners will be stuck spending more money to use more energy because they cannot afford to make efficiency upgrades now. For Total Comfort, the loss of the RETC will mean layoffs for my long-term hard working employees. And remember, the cleanest and cheapest energy resource is efficiency.

Please do everything in your power to renew the RETC program.

Sincerely,


Jerry Page