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RE: Support for SB 170

Energy-wasting homes and apartments in Oregon provide a great opportunity to reduce their tenant's cost of living. Simple and cost-effective investments such as insulation and ductless heat pumps can dramatically reduce tenant heating expenses and thereby lower the total cost of renting. However, tenants cannot make these investments and landlords have little motivation to do so since they do not pay the utility bills.

The best tool in confronting this problem is the Small Premium Projects portion of the Energy Incentives Program. Combined with other incentives, the SPP gives just enough encouragement for many property owners to make the energy-saving investments that so strongly benefit their tenants.

Total Comfort regularly uses the SPP to motivate landlords to make investments that save their tenants \$50-\$200 per month on winter heating costs!

This means that the SPP is a low cost way for Oregon to reduce housing costs for renters, create and sustain local jobs, save energy, and reduce pollution all at the same time.

Please do everything in your power to support this vital program.

Sincerely,

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