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February 7, 2018

Representative David Gomberg, Chair  
House Committee on Economic Development and Trade  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: HB 4121 - Support**

Chair Gomberg and Members of the Committee,

We write in support of HB 4121. Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate practical and profitable solutions to global warming. The Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. OEC advances innovative, collaborative solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations.

State incentives for home energy savings are essential to promote jobs, improve livability of homes, and help achieve greenhouse gas reductions in the built environment. With the sunset of the residential energy tax credit program, Oregon has been at a competitive disadvantage with those states that continue to provide statewide incentives for this important work.

HB 4121 provides targeted incentives, including to low-income homeowners and affordable housing projects, thereby reducing energy bills for those at-risk populations. And the incentive program would be run through an agency, Housing and Community Services, with a long and proven track record of managing low-income energy programs such as LIHEAP and others.

Please vote "yes" on HB 4121! Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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