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City of Ashland  
City of Seattle Office of Sustainability & Environment  
CleanTech Alliance  
Climate Solutions  
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Community Action Partnership Assoc. of Idaho  
Community Action Partnership of Oregon  
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Earth Ministry  
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Energy Trust of Oregon  
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Home Performance Guild of Oregon  
Housing and Comm. Services Agency of Lane Co.  
Human Resources Council, District XI  
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Idaho Conservation League  
Idaho Rivers United  
Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns  
League of Women Voters Idaho  
League of Women Voters Oregon  
League of Women Voters Washington  
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Montana Environmental Information Center  
Montana Renewable Energy Association  
Montana River Action  
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National Grid  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
New Buildings Institute  
Northern Plains Resource Council  
Northwest EcoBuilding Guild  
Northwest Energy Efficiency Council  
NW Natural  
OneEnergy Renewables  
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Opportunity Council  
Oregon Energy Fund  
Oregon Environmental Council  
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility  
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Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters  
Portland Energy Conservation Inc.  
Portland General Electric  
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Puget Sound Cooperative Credit Union  
Puget Sound Energy  
Renewable Northwest  
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Sierra Club  
Sierra Club, Idaho Chapter  
Sierra Club, Montana Chapter  
Sierra Club, Washington Chapter  
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Smart Grid Northwest  
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Solar Oregon  
Solar Washington  
South Central Community Action Partnership  
Southeast Idaho Community Action Partners  
Spark Northwest  
Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners  
Sustainable Connections  
The Climate Trust  
The Energy Project  
UCONS, LLC  
Union Of Concerned Scientists  
United Steelworkers of America, District 12  
US Green Building Council, Idaho Chapter  
Washington Environmental Council  
Washington Local Energy Alliance  
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Washington State Department of Commerce  
Washington State University Energy Program  
YMCA Earth Service Corps



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Chair Gomberg and Members of the House Committee  
on Economic Development and Trade

Oregon State Capitol Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 4121

Dear Chair Gomberg and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the NW Energy Coalition, I am writing to express our strong support for HB 4121, the Home WRAP (Weatherization, Retrofit and Affordability Program), which establishes incentives for Oregonian's to invest in solar and energy efficiency and provides additional direct assistance for critical home repair to low-income households.

The NW Energy Coalition is an alliance of about 100 environmental, civic and human service organizations, progressive utilities and businesses in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. We promote development of renewable energy and energy conservation, consumer protection, low-income energy assistance, and fish and wildlife restoration on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

The purpose of the Home WRAP incentive is to promote residential energy savings and to transform the markets for energy efficiency and solar energy by encouraging the purchase of energy efficient devices and renewable energy systems.

In addition to being an incentive program that is available to both homeowners and landlords of affordable housing, the bill also provides much-needed resources for low-income residents to complete critical home repairs that allow them to unlock funding for home weatherization and energy efficiency projects.

Home WRAP investments leverage additional dollars to save Oregonians money, improve indoor air quality, enhance economic activity and retain jobs, and achieve significant greenhouse gas reductions. Additionally, the incentive is tied directly to the energy savings, ensuring accountability and efficient use of funds.

The program will save homeowners and renters of affordable housing money through lower monthly bills electric and heating bills. These residential incentives will serve a particularly critical role in some rural areas that do not benefit from Energy Trust of Oregon incentives.

Energy efficiency and solar are important components of our state economy. For example, investments in energy efficiency create and sustain a workforce of over 40,000 jobs statewide; 70% of these are small businesses with 11 employees or fewer. Investments in energy efficiency also result in financial savings that are spent in our economy, resulting in an increase to Oregon's GDP of over \$350 million/year.

Additionally, by stimulating efficient use of electricity and natural gas in our build environment, this program will lead to significant greenhouse gas reductions that are essential to meeting our state GHG reduction goals. Saving energy use in buildings is one of the least cost ways to achieve emissions reductions – often with a negative abatement cost due to the financial savings over the life of these measures.

We urge you to support HB 4121.

Sincerely,



Wendy Gerlitz, Policy Director