

April 2, 2019

House Energy & Environment Committee  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**RE: Support for House Bill 3094, to provide broad, equitable access to energy improvement projects as well as increase job creation in the residential energy efficiency industry**

Dear Members of the Committee:

Please consider this letter from GreenSavers in **SUPPORT of HB 3094**.

GreenSavers is a residential energy efficiency contractor based in Portland and Bend, Oregon. For the last three years in a row, the U.S. EPA and U.S. DOE chose GreenSavers as ENERGY STAR® Contractor of the Year from more than 1,450 contractors across the country.

Since 2007, we at GreenSavers have completed thousands of energy efficiency projects for homeowners in Oregon. We know firsthand that financial incentives play an important role to make these projects possible. Far fewer moderate and low income Oregonians are moving forward with energy efficiency projects compared to five years ago, when homeowners had access to both the Residential Energy Tax Credit and robust utility sector incentives.

HB 3094 would put home energy efficiency back within the reach of moderate and low income Oregonians by creating the Home Weatherization, Retrofit and Affordability Program.

GreenSavers stands ready and able to help moderate and low income homeowners, who are most in need of energy efficiency projects. These projects have important co-benefits, such as reducing monthly energy bills and improving air quality at home. Better air quality means lower medical costs (e.g. related to asthma management) and fewer days of missed school and work for families who can least afford them.

By empowering more Oregonians to complete energy efficiency projects, HB 3094 also benefits small businesses like GreenSavers. We will hire more staff to meet the increased demand.

HB 3029 makes a smart investment in energy savings, health improvements and job creation here in Oregon. That's why GreenSavers offers full and unequivocal support.

Sincerely,

Robert Hamerly  
Principal, GreenSavers