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Dear President Marsh, Vice President Brock Smith , Vice President Helm, and Members of Committee,

My name is Elvira Josafat, I live in Gales Creek Oregon, 97117. I am a volunteer and the coordinator of the Forest Grove Food Pantry. I am also working with Adelante Mujeres as a navigator and health promoter.

Today i'm here to talk about HB2475. HB2475 will help families and residents of Oregon pay lower rates for lower income residential taxpayers who need relief the most. It also enables organizations representing low-income and environmental justice communities to better participate in energy decisions that affect their lives. It ensures that the people who know best how to tackle the challenges of their daily life shape the solutions.

With the jobs that I do in the community that is at high risk of not having good salaries and with the pandemic affecting many in the communities, especially those with low income who live day to day and are always concerned with how to pay their bills such as electricity since They have lost their jobs, even so the electricity bill continues to arrive.

Many are concerned about how to pay their late bills that were also affected by small businesses that have had to close due to lack of sales or contracts but still have to pay bills. Many people have reported that they have been laid off from their jobs, most of them did not make a lot of money. These are the people who are suffering the most and need the most help they can.

Thank you President Marsh, Vice President Brock Smith , Vice President Helm, and Members of Committee for your energy affordability

Sincerely, Elvira Josafat,