

I have experience with programs which gave small loans to low income people for security improvements and weatherization. These helped low income homeowners who really benefited from these programs by feeling secure in their homes and helping their heat bill. The home air quality and weatherization will help low income people again who without help could not correct the problems this bill will correct. I worked for Portland Development for over 8 years in the residential unit. I inspected the houses assigned to me and managed the rehabilitation for those houses. I have seen more mold and poor ventilation problems than you can imagine. Walls covered in mold in bedrooms was not uncommon. In part the mold problem was related to keeping the heat down. Sealing these houses and putting in proper ventilation will go a long way to insuring the mold problems will go away. Also the heating bill will go down resulting in savings for the families. Every year the PGE fund to help low income people is depleted early in the year and a long waiting list results. Until PGE threatens to turn off the heat many families pay only part of the bill. There is no extra money for all the bills to be paid. The bill is also good for jobs. We know we need more jobs at good wages and this bill will help provide good jobs, which will be helping people in an important way. Tangela Purdom former employee Portland Development builder, and Building code plans examiner City of Portland.