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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4058

Subject: HB 4058 Public Testimony.

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Hudson, Brock Smith, and members of the Committee;

Please vote YES on HB 4058 Relating to Heat Relief, Declaring an Emergency. Last summer during the heat dome event nearly 100 Oregonians died. Heat domes are directly related to climate change, and each summer is proving to be hotter than the last. We have a responsibility to our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable.

I enthusiastically support the provisions to fund and install heat pumps through the Healthy Homes program passed in 2021. Heat pump HVAC systems can both heat and cool, and are electric. Expanding the use of electric systems like heat pumps will help us stop the root cause of climate change, which is exacerbated by using fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas. This will also help those vulnerable to make the necessary change to heat pump use.

Thank you,
Barbara Baylor