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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Lieber and members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment:

I am writing in support of SB 1518. As a rural Oregonian, I am only too familiar with the effects of climate change. Over the past 21 years of living in southern Oregon I have experienced drought, increasingly hot and smoky summers, and the Almeda fire. We need to take steps now to avert further climate disasters.

Adopting Reach Codes is one of the steps that can be taken. I have read that residential and commercial buildings are responsible for over 34% of total greenhouse gas emissions here in Oregon. Obviously then, buildings that are more energy efficient will help reduce statewide emissions and thus contribute to the fight against climate change. I urge you to adopt Reach Codes that will permit municipalities and counties to enact more stringent building codes than the basic statewide codes. It's a step towards healthier and safer communities.