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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3166

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Levy and Levy, and members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Pat DeLaquil, and I am an energy system modeler and climate policy expert. I live in Gresham, and organize with the Metro Climate Action Team, which is a community of volunteers working to ensure Oregon is a leader in addressing the climate crisis.

I support HB 3166 because it will: 1) establish energy-saving programs incentives for Oregonians in-line with federal programs, and 2) create a single, on-line resource that provides information and technical assistance on available energy efficiency incentives and programs.

HB 3166 will help channel federal funds to Oregonian throughout the state to invest in make their homes healthier, cleaner and more resilient through weatherization and energy efficiency improvements.

HB 3166 will also provide an easy and comprehensive tool for understanding the different types of incentives available from the state, federal programs, utilities and other. Such a "one stop shop" will allow busy people to easily access the many benefits available from the many and sometimes overlapping federal, state, local, and utility programs.

Oregonians have never had a better opportunity to build smart or upgrade our existing homes and buildings to perform better while wasting less energy, and lowers energy bills.

Homes and buildings are our first line of defense against climate harms, like extreme heat and wildfire smoke, and they are the second largest source of climate pollution in Oregon. HB 3166 will help Oregonians to better access funds available from different sources to achieve the benefits of better health, lower costs, and a safer climate.

Please vote 'Yes' on HB 3166. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dr. Pat DeLaquil