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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3166

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs, members of the Committee, for the record my name is Jonny Kocher. I work at RMI, an independent nonprofit working to shift towards a low-carbon future.

I am here to testify in favor of HB 3166. HB 3166 will help Oregonians access available funds from federal, state, local, and utility sources to improve their health, reduce their utility bills and increase their climate resilience. With the influx of federal funding available through the Inflation Reduction Act, the need for this type of navigator could not be timelier.

It is important that consumers, especially lower income households, receive the necessary technical assistance and education to navigate the myriad of programs that will improve their health, comfort and safety.

Oregon is not alone in trying to create this type of program. Currently, Washington is considering a similar bill to also allow its citizens to braid and access funds. That's because this type of program is needed now.

Please vote 'Yes' on HB 3166. Thanks so much for your time.