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Honorable Chair Marsh and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. My name is John Seng and I work as Policy Manager for Spark Northwest, a regional nonprofit that partners on clean energy projects with rural and urban marginalized communities across the Pacific Northwest.

We applaud the Committee's decision to hear HB 3196. We support the bill because it will help ensure that Community Climate Investment funds are spent fairly and effectively. We know from our work that programs intended to benefit environmental justice communities require careful oversight to ensure that funded projects produce the benefits they promise.

Today we are excited to offer our support for HB 3196. We urge you to pass it out of committee and continue working to ensure that the benefits of the Community Climate Investment program flow to the Black, Indigenous, People of Color, rural and low-income communities that are most harmed by pollution and climate change.

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