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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3152

House Committee 3152,

Please understand that you representatives are the elected servants of the people, not the leaders or the kings and queens who rule all. We the people desire you to represent us, not bow down other politicians and the rich. Please stand up for our rights to use a myriad of energy sources for our day to day lives. Electricity is not the only source from which we should be "allowed" to use for heating, cooking, etc. Take a stand for those whom you represent and vote NO on HB 3152. Thank you for serving the people and doing what we desire for Oregon and it's energy management.

I respectfully ask you to oppose HB 3152.

This bill will eliminate my option to choose the type of energy I want in my home by eliminating a critical source of funding for the replacement of natural gas appliances.

The bill will effectively change the mission of the Energy Trust of Oregon, who delegates these funds to low-income communities, from fuel-agnostic, energy-efficiency provider to electric-only by prohibiting ratepayer money from going to fossil fuel efficiency measures.

Natural gas is a critical energy source for many Oregonians and allows us to maintain a quality of life. By eliminating the use of ratepayer dollars for line extensions, the legislature is making it harder for natural gas to remain affordable and dependable for many Oregonians - including our most vulnerable communities throughout the state - and displaces hundreds of good quality careers that depend on the industry for jobs.

Lastly, the bill delegates very broad powers to the PUC to do whatever it is they must do to reach climate targets. The PUC is able to do the more robust work needed to properly investigate, justify and implement energy planning proposals. Their role is already well-defined and they do not need anymore powers than they already have to reach out climate goals for our great State of Oregon.

Thank you for your time and please vote no on HB 3152 (a bill that threatens energy choice and ignores equitable climate outcomes). Becky Hakes