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The Honorable Pam Marsh, Chair & Honorable Members
House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol, Salem, OR

Re: Written Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 3152

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the local Douglas County businesses and employees we represent, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB 3152.

Passage of HB 3152 would take away Oregon citizens' energy choice. As a small rural community, we have a higher than average population of senior citizens living in Douglas County. Passage of this bill will cause harm to our community's most vulnerable population, senior citizens and low-income residents, eliminating options which more affluent residents will still have access. Limiting the assistance to just electricity will adversely affect low-income and disadvantaged citizens by eliminating their ability to improve their energy efficiency, using existing natural gas infrastructure, with no meaningful reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Also concerning in the bill is the change of the role of the Oregon PUC from an economic regulator to an environmental regulator. Citizens should be able to rely on the PUC to regulate cost and efficiency of Oregon utilities. This bill would change that dynamic and, ultimately, citizen confidence.

We respectfully request the committee vote no on HB 3152, preserve energy choice in Oregon, protect energy resiliency in Oregon and encourage energy efficiency from both energy systems. Thank you, again, for the opportunity to comment, for your consideration and for your service to Oregon.

Best regards

ROSEBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra L. Fromdahl".

Debra L. Fromdahl
President & CEO



To advocate for and be the voice of the business community in the greater Roseburg area.

To strengthen, enhance and protect our members through political advocacy, economical development, community promotion and member programs and services.