

Submitter: Pat Kaczmarek

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB868

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the Committee, my name is Pat Kaczmarek. I'm a resident of Portland, Oregon.

I support SB 868, 869, 870, and 871 because I am concerned about climate change impacts in Oregon. I have experienced the extreme weather events caused by climate change. Oregonians are using precious tax funds to fight wildfires, and spending more of their household budget to keep heat and smoke from their homes. We can improve both our new and existing buildings to keep Oregonians safer from extreme heat, wildfire smoke, water shortage, and other harms. Low-income Oregonians and communities of color are particularly impacted by the climate crisis, with higher costs for housing and utilities, and worse air quality and health outcomes. Resilient homes can provide safety and affordable energy bills.

Buildings are the 2nd largest source of carbon emissions in Oregon. We need action now to meet our state's climate goals. Changes we can make now will begin to slow the impacts of a warmer climate. Now is the time for action on building efficiency and resilience.

Thank you,  
Pat Kaczmarek

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These bills are a critical step for addressing climate change, affordable energy and housing, and public health. Please vote 'Yes'. Thanks so much for your time."