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Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

In support of SB 868, 869, 870, 871

Electrify Now is a volunteer organization dedicated to educating homeowners and the public on the advantages of all-electric buildings for health, safety, lower operating costs and as a potent way to reduce the climate impacts of our buildings.

We have worked with thousands of homeowners in Oregon to help them take steps to convert their homes to all-electric solutions and clean energy. It is safe to say that these homeowners are satisfied that their actions have improved the safety and comfort of their homes while also dramatically reducing their carbon emissions.

We strongly support this package of bills which will collectively accelerate the transition to more resilient, more comfortable and safer homes and buildings for all residents in Oregon. The trend toward electrification of our buildings is already apparent, but it cannot happen fast enough. At least half the homes and buildings in our state still consume fossil gas, or oil or propane. Many more are reliant on inefficient electric resistant heating or need significant weatherization or building shell improvements. We need to build new buildings and rapidly transform existing buildings with high efficiency electric solutions for heating and cooking to keep people safe and to meet our climate goals.

We appreciate how these bills will better align the actions of state agencies with the climate reduction goals adopted by the state to better ensure those important goals are met.

We urge you to support these bills and make them as strong as possible.

Respectfully,

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