

Dear Senate Committee of Energy and Environment; Chair Soliman, Vice-Chair Findley, Members Golden, Hayden and Lieber,

I am Candy Baunsgard, a retired teacher who moved to Bend, OR 7 years ago to spend more time with my 5 grandchildren and 4 children (all but one daughter currently lives in Bend). My husband and I love the outdoors and were so excited to live so close to so many outdoor activities. Our 2nd summer here the smoke from nearby forest fires rolled in for several weeks restricting us to stay indoors with our AC on....and in following years we were restricted up to a month where our access to going outside our homes is dependent on whether the AQI is healthy or not. One summer our furnace needed to be replaced because the smoke was so bad that it clogged the air filter and broke the motor! We are financially able to be able to replace our furnace with an energy efficient Heat Pump and add an air purification system to adequately clean the air coming from the nearby forest fires. Not everyone in Central Oregon has Central Air Conditioning or air purification system to protect their lungs from this by-product of Climate Change.

I strongly endorse the Building Resilience Bills that are currently in front of your committee this legislative session:

SB 868 Healthy Heating and Cooling for All addresses the issues caused by our ever-changing environment:

- Align energy efficiency programs with state climate goals.
- Support rapid deployment of heat pumps plus weatherization/retrofit money!
- Set statewide goals of 500,00 heat pumps installed by 2030
 - Focus on underserved communities.

SB 869 Build Smart from the Start moves us immediately toward eliminating this problem in the future:

- Improve building code for new construction – more efficient, resilient, with less climate pollution (including from embodied carbon)

SB 870 Building Performance Standard will make a huge improvement in our current contribution to climate pollution:

- Improve energy efficiency of existing large commercial buildings over time – huge climate pollution reduction potential!

And SB 871 Smart State Buildings is such an important way to practice what we preach in improving our air quality:

- Government-owned and financed buildings have a big role to play in helping drive efficiency and climate action statewide – while improving air quality!

Let's take action in Oregon so all our homes and buildings are more resilient to protect us from climate harm. Let's make sure new construction is built smart from the start and remove barriers for Oregonians who want to improve current homes and buildings to waste less energy,

protect us from climate extremes, and run on clean energy. We must prioritize helping those most harmed by climate extremes and fossil fuels. We Oregonians deserve healthy, affordable, resilient homes and buildings that run on clean energy!

Thank you all for your time in serving our State and serving on the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment. It is an important work and I believe these bills of Resilient, Efficient Buildings mean better health, lower costs, less pollution, safer communities, and a more livable future for both older and younger Oregonians.

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