

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the committee,

My name is Deborah Clark. I am a mother, grandmother, and retired scientist, living on a small farm in Linn County.

My personal experience has convinced me that energy-efficient and resilient homes that run on clean energy can lower household energy bills and protect people from extreme temperatures and air pollution.

1. My heat pump, along with energy-efficient windows and solar panels, has reduced my energy bill by approximately 85%.
2. During the 38 years I have lived in Oregon, I had no need of air-conditioning until recently. Cooling air from my heat pump has made the increased summer temperatures and heat domes bearable these last few years.
3. Moreover, during the summer days when wildfire smoke polluted the air, cooling air from my heat pump and insulated windows allowed me to close up the house and still maintain a comfortable temperature indoors pollution-free.

Financial incentives from the state of Oregon and the federal government made it financially viable for me to make my home more energy-efficient and resilient.

I support the Resilient, Efficient Buildings Policy Package. I urge you to also support the Resilient, Efficient Buildings Policy Package. NOW is the time for healthy, affordable, resilient homes and buildings.

Sincerely,
D. Clark