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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB869

Dear Senator Lieber and Representative Marsh,

Thank you for sponsoring this bill. Heating and cooling produces roughly 20% of all greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the U.S. As the Climate Crisis continues to escalate, more heating and cooling is required. It is a vicious cycle that is exacerbating this worldwide crisis.

This bill would help reduce the human impact of Climate Change, providing more stability and comfort for people during extreme weather events. It would help lower the costs of heating/cooling in the long-term. It would also help reduce the Climate Crisis itself, lowering GHGs from heating/cooling over time. That's a win-win-win!

I am fortunate enough to own my own home. However, retrofitting for better insulating windows, and adding a heat pump and solar panels has been costly. Had my home been built to higher specifications, it would have saved me thousands of dollars and my house's carbon footprint would have been far lower for decades! Building "smart from the start" is the most practical and beneficial way to go.

We must act quickly to prevent the worst effects of Climate Change. I fully support this bill, and I hope that you will go further in future bills and sponsor a comprehensive plan to bring all of Oregon's GHGs down to net-zero as soon as possible.