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Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and committee members, my name is Jonathan Lundstrom, and I live in Portland. I am an Architect, Certified Passive House Consultant, and I work for a local design-build company focused primarily on housing.

I'm writing today to express my support for the Resilient, Efficient Buildings Policy Package (SB 868, SB 869, SB 870, SB 871).

These bills, if passed, will pave the way for homes and buildings in Oregon to be healthier, more efficient, and run on clean energy.

As an Architect responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of building occupants, I understand just how important it is to ensure our buildings – both new and existing – are improved to reduce climate pollution and protect us from climate impacts like wildfire smoke and extreme weather events. Oregonians spend 90% of their life inside buildings, where the interior air is more toxic than outside air. Imagine a fish swimming in a dirty fishbowl for 90% of its life.

These policies will also help us provide the resources needed to ventilate and filter indoor air while reducing upfront and operating costs over the long term, saving Oregonians money and creating many new local jobs.

Healthy buildings are a human right, and support at the policy level is critical to providing healthy buildings to all. For these reasons, I urge you to vote yes on the Resilient, Efficient Buildings Policy Package.

Thank you.
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