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Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the committee, my name is Josh Gabbard and I live in Portland. I am an Architectural designer and advocate for a healthy environment for all. I'm writing today to express my support for the Resilient, Efficient Buildings Policy Package (SB868, 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 architectural designer, I understand just how important it is to ensure our buildings – both new and existing – are improved to both reduce climate pollution and protect us from climate impacts, like wildfire smoke and extreme weather events. This will also help us reduce upfront and operating costs over the long term, saving Oregonians money and reducing waste. For these reasons, I urge you to vote yes on the Resilient, Efficient Buildings Policy Package.

Thank you. Josh Gabbard