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Dear Chair Marsh and committee members,

Tailored support HB 2990.

My name is Brandon Valdez, I am a resident of the City of Hillsboro and as a resident I support this measure HB 2990. The problem is that every day we see aggressive changes in the environment and we see how our community has been affected in a drastic way, as a reference we have the fires of 2020 and their negative effects that impacted both economic and mental health, we know that most of it was our Latino community. I can tell you about my personal experience where my family was terribly affected by the Hurricane that hit the peninsula of B.C.SUR Mexico last year and left many families without water, without food and some I leave them practically without access to even the most basic, some people had to walk for days because the Highway was cut off, at this time they still do not have many services, We can think that this will not happen here, but for a natural disaster everything can happen and that is why we must have Resilience centers, where we know that there are trained personnel from now, a place where each community needs it, with all the necessary conditioning such as: Solar panels, so that you can always be communicated, a space where you can breathe free air and without polluted air, a place where we have a garden and plenty of space to have everything you need for an emergency, we are in time to start coordinating these Resilience centers, we need your support for this law HB 2990 And work for a common good, since this would help us to be better prepared and our community would have a place in mind to go in case of any situation, not only in a disaster, but you can go to meet any need, so we ask you with all respect, Would you support this measure HB 2990?

Thank you for giving me this time and being able to express myself.

Sincerely,

Brandon Valdez.