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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2990

Dear Chair Marsh, Co-Chairs, and Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

My name is Beth Chvilicek, and I live in Portland and I am writing to you because we need to proactively work to protect our communities against the impacts of climate disasters. I support HB 2990 to create a grant program through the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management that will go directly to communities to build and implement Community Resilience Hubs and networks.

I support Community Resilience Hubs because much of the legislature that is focused on issues surrounding climate change is mainly focused on mitigating climate disasters. We are told to lessen our carbon emissions, use fewer straws, and recycle more. And while these are great and we should do what we can to create a more green world, these bills don't take into account the impacts that we are already seeing. They don't work to protect communities that are impacted by climate disasters. That's what we need to focus on. Who cares if the world is better in 200 years if we aren't able to sustain ourselves until then? By creating a place for folks to gather, get resources, and become more resilient, we are insuring that those bills matter.

I urge you to vote Yes on HB 2990 to invest in building stronger communities, and create the resources and connections to make it easier for Oregonians the next time disaster strikes. Stronger communities can make the difference between surviving and thriving.

Sincerely,  
Beth Chvilicek  
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