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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2990

Date: March 21, 2023

To: House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Re: Support for HB 2990 Community Resilience Hubs

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

My name is Ava Damis, and I live in Portland, Oregon and I am writing to you as a student at the University of Portland who is currently learning about climate disasters in Oregon and the need for supports to be in place for communities, especially communities who are most at risk and under-resourced. 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:

Community support is vital for not only responding to urgent needs, but also for preventing further trauma and suffering, especially in relation to climate disasters. The necessary precautions are not just magically taken care of and the aftermath of climate disasters does not disappear or heal itself. Community resilience and recovery is not accessible without the support and structure that is needed for creating Community Resilience Hubs and Networks.

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,
Ava Damis
Portland, Oregon