Submitter: Rebecca Warren

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2990

Date: March 22, 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 Rebecca Warren, and I live in Northeast Portland. I am writing to you because as a member of United Women in Faith, previously United Methodist Women, I believe that public safety is key to healthy, safe and thriving communities. 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:

Responses to these local concerns are best served when the local community creates resilience hubs responsive to its history, forecasts, existing building opportunities, and volunteer resources.

By creating places to gather and care for each other in good times and bad, we strengthen our bonds and foster close-knit, resilient communities.

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, Rebecca Warren Portland, Oregon