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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2990

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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 Michele René and I live in Eugene and I am writing to you because I care about creating a safe resilient community and have taken CERT training to be able to help my neighborhood in a time of crisis. 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:

- Climate disasters are happening now and will continue to get worse.
- We need to be proactive to mitigate the problems associated with people being displaced due to climate related catastrophes.
- Taking care of one another creates social cohesion and a strong community.

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, Michele Renée Eugene, OR