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On Behalf Of: 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 Maria Dolores, I have lived in Washington County for over 28 years, I am the mother of 3 children.

I support HB 2990 to create a grant program through the Office of Resilience and Emergency

Management will go directly to communities to build and implement Community Resilience Hubs and networks.

In 2020 we had fires that destroyed the homes of people who were already below the poverty level who ended up in total helplessness. I joined my community creating a support center and we tried to help with what we could, however, it was very sad to see entire families sleeping outdoors with their children and pets in the parking lots of the Mall of

Clackamas and other areas. We went around looking for the victims of the smoke and fire in different improvised places to camp. They were people who had to leave behind different types of animals such as; horses, and other animals for which a shelter could not be found. They were scenes that I would not like to relive. That is why I ask you to support this proposal.

Support HB 2990 to pass this bill (Community Resiliency Centers). It will help us obtain access assistance for new or retrofitted resilient buildings with heating and cooling, air filtration, and emergency supplies. Solar panels with battery backup and community renewable energy. Community-based communication networks, resource navigation systems and services in all districts.

Thank you very much for supporting House Bill HB-2990.

Sincerely