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Hello Chair Marsh, co-chairs, and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

My experiences with climate disasters are countless: No access to water, our power went out over the course of three big fires on the reservation. The roads were closed. We didn't have access to resources. There is a possibility of floodwaters going over the bridge to the reservation which leaves us with no access to food and medical equipment during emergencies. My wife is on dialysis, and she needs direct access to medical equipment and care, which might not be possible during extreme weather events. It would kill her if not. Resilience Hubs would be so important and amazing for there to be one central place to go. An idea I have is to make sure the phones have adequate staffing 24/7. Sort of like 911 but for climate emergencies. A centralized location is extremely important for community members to access this.

As a Warm Springs native, I urge you to vote yes on HB 2990 to invest in hubs to build stronger communities. We have ideas that need to be implemented and this is the way to start those efforts.

Thank you, Calvin