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Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Oregon Just Transition Alliance (OJTA) in support of HB 3170. My name is Marisol De La Torre, I live in Albany, and I am the legislative advocate at OJTA. We are a statewide alliance of communities facing environmental racism, climate change, and economic exploitation.

In 2023, OJTA and our coalition of over 50 organizations across the state worked together to create Resilience Hubs and Networks. It was a bipartisan success that delivered \$10 million of critical resources to communities. With these funds, they could provide life-saving medical supplies, emergency communications equipment, and emergency response training. We continued to work on this program in 2024 by participating in rulemaking to clarify and sharpen program implementation with the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management (OREM).

As the speakers before me have already pointed out, in the first grant cycle, OREM funded less than 100 out of 700 applications. This shows that there is high demand for this program and we need additional funding right now. Without it, thousands of Oregonians will be left defenseless against ongoing ice storms, heat waves, wildfires, and disasters that will wait for no one.

With additional funding, Resilience Hubs and Networks will make communities in every corner of the state more resilient. We urge you to move HB 3170 forward.

Thank you,  
Marisol De La Torre