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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3179

As a citizen/resident of Portland, OR, I am in full support of this bill. HB 3179, as I understand it, this bill will enable the Public Utility Commission to consider customer impacts when making decisions about rate increases. In addition, it will allow PUC to establish limits as to how often they occur. These provisions can protect vulnerable customers from rate increases that take effect especially in the winter, when energy usage is high.

In addition to placing safeguards on energy costs and equipping our utility regulators with the tools necessary to keep rates as low as possible, HB 3179 will also help increase transparency around energy pricing between customers and utilities.

All of these things are needed NOW and I ask that you fully support this Bill and enable its passage into LAW.

Thank you for your time and for bringing this to the forefront.