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Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez and Members of the Committee.

My name is Brian Ettling. I live in outer northeast Portland. I am worried about climate change. Last year was the hottest year ever recorded on Earth, and Oregon is on the frontlines of this climate crisis. With your leadership, we have passed legislation that helps Oregon families to access more affordable, cleaner energy sources, better prepare for and respond to extreme weather, and breathe cleaner, safer air.

We know you face many tough budgeting decisions with the chaos and uncertainty of federal spending in Oregon. I urge you to prioritize protecting and investing in Oregon's climate progress. If we fail to act, it's our frontline communities — people with disabilities, rural families, people of color, and working folks — who will be hurt first and worst. But every Oregonian will feel the impact.

Please pass and provide funds for these bills:

1. Oregonians need more support navigating all the programs to upgrade their homes and buildings through incentives and rebates for efficient heat pumps, improved insulation, sturdier doors and windows, and clean electric cooking. One Stop Shop 2.0 (HB 3081) will help families get direct assistance from someone in their area to make their home projects more affordable.
2. Around \$10 million is needed for Community Resilience Hubs (HB 3170) across the state to coordinate and provide access to resources and services for vulnerable populations during disasters.
3. Due to their working conditions, farmworkers are more vulnerable than other workers to smoke and deadly heat. Let's make the Farmworker Disaster Relief fund permanent with HB 3193 so we can protect the workers who face the most risks from climate change.

Please fully fund our state energy and natural resource agencies to advance Oregon's climate goals, ensuring healthy, resilient communities, and supporting clean energy job growth across Oregon.

Thank you for considering this.