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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4080

Dear Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment,

I strongly support HB 4080. As a widow, I have many similar friends who live alone in apartments on limited budgets. For us the ability to take control of our ever increasing utility bills, and to reduce them by as much as 20% is critical to our sense of self-reliance and in meeting our needs.

I understand that more than 30 states have bills filed or in preparation, that Utah has just passed as similar bill and that in Germany an estimated 4 million households already use this technology. In addition, I have read that UL laboratories is creating a safety standard for the US, which is so important to assure safety for our grid and for our fellow citizens. HB 4080 requires no state funding, in alignment with our current tight budget.

I ask you to consider this bill as a small measure which will incrementally increase our power supply, as well as provide savings to our rental and lower income community members, as well as others who want to supplement their power. Thank you for reading this.