

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Brock Smith, Vice Chair Helm and members of the committee,

My name is Maria. I've lived in Hillsboro for 27 years and I'm a volunteer in a non-profit organization who represents Low-Income Latino community members. I have realized the voices in my community, especially in these times, are full of insecurity. In my own experience we are under heavy stress due to high electricity bills. What you earn and what you have to pay is unjustifiable. I support HB-2475 because my community and I struggle with high electricity rates. Electric Companies could invest in educational programs that teach Latino youth about renewable energy. Adapting them to each community is what we really need. In this way the problem could be solved more permanently, since as a community we would feel motivated and actively participate in these educational programs thus being part of the solution because we would feel included in these legislative movements. In essence we would feel welcome in this great community.

Thank you so much for listening to our Latino voices,
Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Brock Smith, Vice Chair Helm and members of the committee for supporting Energy Affordability, HB-2475.

Sincerely,
Maria Flores