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Chair Anna Williams  
House Human Services Committee  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2739 -1 amendment

Dear Chair Williams, Vice Chair Leif, Vice Chair Ruiz, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to write in support of HB 2739 with the -1 amendments, which replaces the original bill and temporarily increases an existing low income energy assistance fund. Last summer, PGE participated in a proceeding at the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) to look at how we, along with our fellow regulated utilities, could respond to customers' needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The result of that proceeding, among other things, included an agreement to seek a temporary increase in energy assistance funds.

We know the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of our customers, especially those with low incomes. HB 2739 -1 will provide much needed support to help Oregonians recover from the effects of the pandemic. Thank you for your support of this important piece of legislation to help those who need it the most. Please reach out should we be able to answer any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sania Radcliffe".

Sania Radcliffe  
Director of Government Affairs and Environmental Policy