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Chair Pam Marsh
Co-Vice Chair David Brock Smith
Co-Vice Chair Ken Helm
House Energy and Environment Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2398

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

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for HB 2398. Portland General Electric Company (PGE) is a fully integrated electric utility that serves almost half of all Oregon homes and businesses – almost 900,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers. We share our customers' and our communities' vision of a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future. We recently set ambitious climate goals to reflect the urgency in addressing climate change and to meet customer expectations.

As we implement these goals, we remain laser-focused on ensuring reliable and affordable electricity service for all our customers. By simultaneously driving down emissions using a diverse portfolio of clean and renewable resources and promoting economywide emission reductions through smart and efficient energy use, PGE can help realize a clean energy future for Oregon. PGE estimates that, with the help of our customers, we currently avoid about one million metric tons of GHG emissions per year with energy efficiency investments made since 2010.

The Residential Reach Code is an important part of advancing Oregon's clean energy future and achieving local and state climate goals. Twelve of the 55 jurisdictions (cities and counties) in PGE's service territory, representing about 90% of PGE's load, have adopted climate action and sustainability plans, many with ambitious electricity and building emission reduction goals. Additionally, the state of Oregon has set economywide GHG emission reduction goals that can only be met with significant changes in energy use. HB 2398 would create a usable and easily adoptable code for cities that want to move further, faster on building decarbonization.

We urge your support of HB 2398.

Sincerely,

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

Sania Radcliffe
Director of Government Affairs and Environmental Policy