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Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Levy, and Levy and members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify in Support of HB 3166 today. My name is Satya Austin-Opper, I live in Bend, and I'm 24 years old.

As someone in my early 20s I have the unfair burden of having climate be at the forefront of every decision I will make in my life. I hope that I am lucky enough to make it to retirement or die of old age, but without immediate action to reduce our emissions, that probably won't be possible for myself or generations below me.

In my city of Bend, buildings are the greatest source of energy use. If we hope to reduce our atmospheric emissions, in an effort to stop the climate crisis, we will have to make our buildings more efficient and less reliant on fossil gas.

This task can seem daunting and expensive to some. However, we have unprecedented amounts of federal funds and resources to help support projects like these. We just need to make these funds and technical resources readily available and widely known to the people who need it. This bill could make home efficiency and resilience more accessible and widely achievable so that we can work together to fight climate change.

That's why I'm asking you to please vote yes on HB 3166. Thank you so much for your time.