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To:

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Levy and Levy, and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Written Testimony in Support of HB3152 – Utility Customer Protection Bill

We wholeheartedly support this commonsense bill which would shift the costs of expanding fossil fuels infrastructure from residential utility customers to gas companies and their investors. In the past, ongoing expansion of the gas systems for residential heating have been presumed to be sensible and inevitable. This is no longer the case as electrification of home heating has become more economical and now provides better comfort and indoor air quality than gas heating.

As we are trying to reduce carbon emissions in Oregon, it makes no sense for ratepayers to subsidize one of the major carbon polluting systems in the state and for those ratepayers to be exposed to the significant risk of stranded assets in gas system investments that will not be useful in the future as the state transitions to renewable energy and electrification. Ratepayer dollars should be spent on current system safety and reliability and clean energy alternatives.

Please support this bill.

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