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House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

Re: House Bill 3152

Dear Chair Representative Marsh, Vice-Chairs Representatives B. Levy and E. Levy, and members of the Committee;

I am opposed to HB 3152. There is no empirical evidence that curtailing use of natural gas appliances in Oregon is going to have any measurable affect on global (green house gas) emissions. HB 3152 is only going to make living more expensive and difficult for Oregonians.

Sponsors of HB 3152 must know Oregon has manifold troubles. Yet they want us to believe that if we just give up the benefits of natural gas appliances they can change the temperature of the planet. Earth's atmospheric temperature is not going to notice whether we use natural gas or not.

Which is more complicated, the state's housing problems or the earth's climate? Most would agree climate science is much more complicated. The state is unable to solve the housing trouble yet claims they can change the planet's climate.

*“What historians will definitely wonder about in future centuries is how deeply flawed logic, obscured by shrewd and unrelenting propaganda, actually enabled a coalition of powerful special interests to convince nearly everyone in the world that carbon dioxide from human industry was a dangerous, planet-destroying toxin. “It will be remembered as the greatest mass delusion in the history of the world—that carbon dioxide, the life of plants, was considered for a time to be a deadly poison.”*

I urge the Committee to table this legislation.

Sincerely,



Richard Wisner