



March 13, 2023

To: House Committee on Climate Energy and Environment  
RE: Opposition to HB 3152

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committee:

As the Albany areas largest Business and Community Advocate, I am writing to you today on behalf of our 500 members and their 25,000 employees, in opposition to HB 3152. While we support many efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we believe this legislation will harm senior citizens, low-income Oregonians, and other disadvantaged populations by eliminating their ability to access funding for upgrading their homes to be more energy efficient and curtail their energy choices.

HB 3152 prohibits ratepayer funded allowances from being utilized for natural gas line extensions, eliminating Oregon's most vulnerable families and households the ability to access funds that help them upgrade, improve, or replace aging appliances based on the energy type. Oregonians need reliable, affordable energy choices, those choices are taken away by this legislation.

In addition, the Oregon PUC has historically been serving as Oregon's economic regulator, this legislation would change their mission to that of an environmental regulator. That should concern residents relying upon the PUC to focus on regulating the cost and efficiency of utilities in Oregon.

The Albany Area Chamber respectfully ask committee members to vote No on this bill. We ask that you protect energy resiliency in our region. We ask that you encourage energy efficiency through All energy systems and focus on fuel neutral policies to achieve greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Janet Steele'.

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