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Chair Marsh and Committee Members

Re: Support for the Utility Customer Protection Bill (HB 3152) - protect utility customers as climate regulation increases and consumer demand for gas decreases.

Dear Chair Marsh and Vice-Chairs Levy and Levy, and members of the committee,

My name is Ashley Haight and I live in Portland, Oregon. I'm the manager of the ZERO Coalition (ZERO). ZERO brings together the work and perspectives of architectural firms, energy efficiency organizations, construction businesses, policy advocates, manufacturers, government agencies, community organizations, environmental justice partners, and energy service providers. Together we are collaborating to help Oregon meet its climate responsibilities by taking an equity-centered approach to decarbonizing buildings in Oregon. We work to ensure that the market conditions and regulatory frameworks are in place to advance sustainability in the built environment in a way that leaves no one behind.

In light of the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, we must do everything we can to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy, not fossil fuels. For a just transition off of fossil fuels, we need to protect customers from financial risk and shift costs of fossil fuel expansion to shareholders, not customers.

We must ensure that utility regulation is in line with climate regulation. Please support the Utility Consumer Protection Bill (HB 3152), which will protect customers from funding these polluting systems. New fossil fuel investments today can last 60 years. This bill will direct



regulators to align with state climate regulations and move us to a future that addresses climate and reduce emissions.

Sincerely,
ZERO Coalition Members:

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