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Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the committee,

My name is Yaseen Arifin and I live in Portland. As someone who is deeply concerned about the rising impacts of climate change, I can confidently say that investing in resilient, efficient buildings is a big step in the right direction. I vividly remember when I was in seventh grade, and I could not step outside because of how violently ashy it was outside. I was frustrated. I never wanted to see something like that again. With resilient and efficient buildings, we can help make sure that doesn't happen again. We can help reduce 34% of Oregon's climate pollution by using clean energy resources in our homes and buildings. Not to mention, we are lowering bills for people from lower-income and frontline communities who need help the most. So please, let's make this dream a reality for Oregonians and our beloved environment.