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My parents moved back to Oregon when I was two weeks old, so despite having lived elsewhere during some parts of my life, Oregon is my home and I am passionate about it. I am also a citizen of this imperiled world, a senior and a mother. I realize that one State alone cannot prevail in ending the climate chaos wrought by over dependence on fossil fuels, but I sincerely believe we all share a moral imperative to do what we can. I have supported and felt both pride and some optimism as I have seen Oregon take many bold steps to combat climate change, but we now have an opportunity to do more. I urge you to support the four measures that fall in the Building Resilience bill package. Homes and buildings are significant users of energy, but they are also our first line of defense against climate disasters like extreme heat and wildfire smoke. Building resilience means building smart from the start so new homes and buildings run on clean energy. It also means electrification and efficiency upgrades in our homes and buildings to make them healthier, more affordable, and better for the environment. Moving toward clean energy and away from burning methane “natural” gas (A misnomer if there ever was one) will benefit Oregonians and our planet. Thank you!