

To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the committee, my name is Twila Jacobsen and I live in Eugene. I support SB 868, 869, 870, and 871 because, as a retired Senior and Disability professional, I am concerned about the health of my community and our elders as climate change impacts Oregon.

I am also very concerned about young families, such as my daughter, partner and two small children. They live near Yoncalla on their small ranch, and have experienced extremely high electricity bills this winter. In the summer, they have three window air conditioners, and face again high electricity bills. Installing a heat pump will help them stay warm in winter and cool in summer, and would be up to three times less expensive than their current heating source. They want to install a heat pump, but are not able to afford the high costs.

I am a widow on a fixed income, and would also like to install ductless heat pumps and replace a small methane (natural) gas heater, which I have not used this winter in order to reduce my carbon pollution and improve air quality in my home.

Let's make it so all our homes and buildings are more resilient to protect us from climate harms, such as extreme heat and cold. Let's make sure new construction is **built smart from the start** and remove barriers for Oregonians who want to improve current homes and buildings to **waste less energy, protect us from climate extremes, and run on clean energy**. We must prioritize helping those most harmed by climate extremes and fossil fuels.

Our first step should be to stop making the problem worse. It's more affordable to build all-electric with heat pumps, and more affordable to live and work in homes and buildings that waste less energy. Let's do our best and most to make Oregon a leader in reducing carbon pollution and providing safe and efficient housing for all. Please vote YES on all four bills.

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