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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB868

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the Committee, my name is Scott Pesetsky. I'm a probate attorney, and I live in Portland, Oregon.

I support SB 868, 869, 870, and 871 because I am concerned about the health of my community as climate change impacts Oregon.

Extreme weather events caused by climate change are growing worse. In June of 2021, the air outside my house reached a record high temperature of 117 degrees! I've never been that hot before. We stopped using the top floor of our house until it cooled down.

Homes and buildings are our first line of defense. We must improve both our new and existing buildings to keep our neighbors safer from extreme heat, wildfire smoke, water shortage, and other harms. Really, where else could we move that would be safer? We must make it safe to stay in Oregon, despite climate risks.

And I'm a lucky Oregonian in a nice house with air conditioning. I don't know how Low-income Oregonians and the unhoused will survive the next heat anomaly.

I was told that buildings are the second largest source of carbon emissions in Oregon. That makes it a fine starting point for action to meet our state's climate goals.

I believe that SB 868, 869, 870, and 871 are an important step in addressing climate change. Please vote 'Yes'. Thanks so much for your time.