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Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Findley and members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee

My name is Stuart Liebowitz and I am with the Douglas County Global Warming Coalition out of Roseburg. Representing approximately 500 residents in rural Douglas County, we fully support Senate Bill 870. Large, older commercial buildings, because of their size and age, generally suffer from energy inefficiency. As a result, these structures have a disproportionately higher release of carbon emissions. To meet our climate goals, it is imperative we address this source of climate pollution in a sound and reasonable way.

By establishing building performance standards and providing a suite of flexible options to achieve them, Senate Bill 870 is an essential element of a package of bills that meaningfully address our climate crisis. Given the fact that rural Oregon has borne the pain of climate impacts such as wildfires and drought, it is imperative we meet this challenge.

Senate Bill 870 is a strong step in this direction and we urge its passage.

Sincerely,

Stuart Liebowitz on behalf of the Board of the Douglas County Global Warming Coalition.

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