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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 passage of Senate Bill 871.

By making it easier to increase the energy efficiency of Public buildings, Senate Bill 871 not only reduces climate pollution but has the added benefit of saving taxpayers' money by lowering energy costs. Most important, the State of Oregon cannot demand of others steps to lower emissions unless it leads by example. It is the proverbial walking the walk.

Energy consumption in buildings presents both a challenge and an opportunity as we strive to meet our climate goals. Let us pass a bill that will result in the people of Oregon looking at the State as a leader that proclaims not only do as we say but do as we do.

We fully support Senate Bill 871 and urge its passage.

Sincerely,

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