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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB871

Dear Chair Sollman, Senator Lieber, and members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee,

My name is Kathleen Rienhardt-Waring. I am an Account Executive for Building Performance Contracting at MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions office located in Portland, Oregon. MacDonald-Miller is a building engineering, construction, and optimization regional contractor with operations in Oregon and Washington. On behalf of MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions of Oregon, we support Senate Bills 868-871 and are testifying specifically on SB 870. Prior to MacDonald-Miller, I supported Oregon utilities to help them achieve their energy efficiency objectives with their existing commercial buildings greater than 20,000sf.

Asking building owners to save energy without a reason is a very challenging business proposition if there is no compelling reason to prioritize these investments. The framework presented in SB 870 provides the required energy performance expectations that have been lacking.

By saying yes to SB 870, Oregon building owners will have the required clarity to help achieve the State's greenhouse gas emissions reduction objectives. Please vote yes to SB 870.

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