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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB868

Madam Chair, Members of the Committee:

I am a Portland resident - in the Montevilla neighborhood - and am sending this message as an individual although I know I speak also for my friends and family in encouraging support for SB 868, SB 869, SB 870, SB 871 and for the amendments that are to come. (Note: I'm copying this testimony into all 4 bills since there is no "group of bills" option.) Thank those of you who served on the Rebuilding Task Force; and to the whole Committee for your willingness to consider these bills and the underlying issues with which they are designed to cope.

I'm urging your support for these bills for a host of reasons, most of which I'm sure you're already fully aware of; but one consideration I'd like to highlight is that these bills work together and take a systems approach. Some bills provide a mechanism for setting guidelines for efficiency standards; some provide incentives; some provide direct requirements for greater use of clean energy technologies; some establish expectations for our public buildings to lead the way, and some provide "one-stop-shopping" advice for home and building owners. Building efficiency is not a new solution to the climate crisis - but these bills, together, take large steps to scale up the work and give direction to commercial building owners and to builders, and opportunity and assistance to homeowners.

Please support all four of these bills -

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