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My name is Linda Kelley and I am writing to state my support for SB 869. Updating building codes that will set efficiency standards for new construction to align with our state's GHG reduction goals is an excellent and important step towards ensuring we begin to turn a corner towards a more resilient building stock.

We must ensure we do not continue to create buildings out of tune with these challenging climate changes. Updating building codes will offer clarity to our construction sector and allow them to plan and train workers to create an improved, cleaner and healthier building stock.

In Eugene we are currently the target of our large gas provider, who is via an "independent" PR entity pouring close to a million dollars into spreading misinformation in the hopes of overturning our city council's vote to create all new residential low rise housing electric, thus joining 90 other municipalities who have had the wisdom to do so.

Updating building codes on a state level will be important to help ensure that a business entity that is clearly not viable in the future will not continue to expand the problem we already have. I hope as part of the work going forward, the PUC will assess their line allowances policy to ensure that income from gas sales do not rely on continual expansion of their network. Oregon has passed solid GHG reduction goals and we all need to step up and make sure we fulfill these for the health and safety of us all. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.