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I am writing in support of SB 870. Thank you for the work to date to bring this and the other 3 building resilient bills to this stage. It is time that Oregon follows Washington state in creating a pathway to improve efficiency and resilience in our large commercial building sector. Most of our larger buildings were constructed before energy efficiency was recognized as an important factor in construction.

Addressing and supporting building owners is a key component in reaching our state climate goals and ensuring safety and resilience into an uncertain climate future. The focus on larger building stock is important as older large buildings that are not energy efficient have a large impact on our energy use. The financial incentives and technical assistance that will be available through this bill passage will support both building owners and also help to grow local jobs and expertise to support this important work. We must have climate resilient buildings for the people who work in these locations to ensure their health and safety.

Thank you for allowing my to submit testimony in support of SB870.