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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Legislature

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the Committee:

The City of Lake Oswego is writing to express our support for the goals of the Resilient Efficient Buildings package (SB 868, SB 869, SB 870, & SB 871).

As a part of the City of Lake Oswego's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, our climate action goals are to achieve net zero emissions buildings citywide by 2045 and carbon neutrality by 2050. Making our existing and new buildings more resilient and energy efficient is an urgent and essential strategy for climate mitigation and adaptation.

Buildings are the second largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon. They are also our communities' first line of defense against hazards, like extreme heat and wildfire smoke that are becoming more frequent as a result of climate change, as well as other sources of air pollution. Resilient buildings help to ensure residents can stay safe during extreme weather and air quality events. Energy efficiency technologies not only reduce carbon emissions from buildings, but they can also improve health and safety for building residents and reduce the burden of energy costs, especially for low-income households and older adults living on a fixed income.

The Resilient Efficient Buildings package would create a framework and funding tools to help cities, like Lake Oswego, meet our climate action and resilience goals on our timeline. In particular, we support the approach of SB 868 that would position Oregon to leverage the significant amount of funding and incentives available through the Federal Inflation Reduction Act for clean energy and energy efficiency technologies and programs. This is a historic opportunity to make the benefits of healthy, resilient, efficient buildings available to all Oregonians.

As SB 868, SB 869, SB 870, and SB 871 continue to be refined, we encourage the Committee to coordinate with local officials, as well as Legislators that are working on the measures to streamline the production of affordable housing to ensure that these important bills align to reduce barriers to building additional affordable housing that is resilient and energy efficient. Focusing on financial incentives and programs that help developers and households to navigate them is one way to do so.

We support the goals of the Resilient Efficient Buildings package and urge you to move forward on SB 868, SB 869, SB 870, and SB 871.

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