

Date: February 24, 2023

To: House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Re: Support for HB 2990 Community Resilience Hubs

My name is Beatriz and I have lived in Washington County for 21 years.

Today I address you with respect to let you know my concern for all the climatic changes that happen every day and are more aggressive that affect our community directly and indirectly.

Just as in the fires of 2020, many of our community lost everything, and thanks to many organizations, it was possible to help them in this emergency. It is very important to have places of resilience since the impacts of climate change are here. It is very important to create a place that is not only open during emergencies, but that is open for the needs of the day and that its operation is stable.

I lived in Baja California Sur and I had experiences of hurricanes and more than anything their effects on the community. These effects were seen in services, infrastructure, food, and much more. Communities must have places to find food, buildings that are resistant to weather disasters, and where people can feel safe. I support this proposal because the entire community in general will be supported by Resilience Centers. These climate changes make us all vulnerable and we must be prepared before we need them. For this reason, we ask for your support for this proposal, it would help us to create several Resilience centers, all this hand in hand with all organizations, as well as the community itself, working in a coordinated manner. Doing surveys with the people who suffered from these situations on different dates and working for a common goal: to be prepared for all these natural disasters. We need your support a lot since it will be a lot of work such as: Find physical places for these centers, resources, organizations willing to work, give training to the workforce, land to have a garden, centers where you can have outdoor air and solar honeycombs, etc.

Thank you for letting me express my voice for those who cannot be here and share their voice and cannot be heard, for them and for my community, I request your support for this bill, we know that there is much to do and can be achieved only by working united and stronger and with your approval of this project.

Respectfully.

Beatriz