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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3170

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To: House Committee on Energy and Environment

Subject: Support for Resilience Hubs and Networks

Dear Chair Lively, Vice–Chair Gamba, Vice–Chair Bobby Levy, and Members of the House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment:

My name is Heidi Hinshaw, I live in the Cully neighborhood of Portland, Oregon, and I am a professional Planner in Marion County, though I write as a citizen not a public employee. I am writing because having funding assistance to set up resilience hubs in both my communities would be tremendously helpful. As part of my Masters Degree in Planning, I studied Resilience Hubs extensively, and they are a common-sense, win/win way to bolster communities and save lives. My communities are low/middle-income, racially diverse, hardworking and family-oriented. Our neighborhood organizations, non-profits (including PCUN and Oregon Food Bank), churches and local government do what we can to support each other, but funding is never enough to meet the need, and we are woefully unprepared for disaster. Hazards, such as heat waves and ice storms disproportionately effect these communities because most of us (seniors, first+-generation Americans, veterans, farmworkers, manufacturing laborers etc.) don't have safety nets. If we miss work, it immediately impacts our ability to pay rent and buy food.

Specifically, it is my understanding that the community of roughly 30,000 people I serve in Marion County does not have capacity to shelter more than 25-50 people at a time in any one location; we don't have enough emergency back-up generators or diesel; we don't have enough food and water stockpiled if the freeways are obstructed, and we're not even rural. Honestly, \$10 million is a drop in the bucket of the need for statewide resilience infrastructure, but 10 million is more than \$0.

I strongly advocate for approving HB 3170.

Sincerely,
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